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Submission from Basildon Parish Council

The council has objected to the building of a house at the rear of Timberley on each occasion that the application has been made. The location of the proposal, the garden site, is the central reason for these objections. Pangbourne Road does have some housing behind the main pattern of housing parallel with the road but these buildings have minimal impact upon immediate neighbours, unlike this proposal which will overlook a number of houses in the vicinity, and will change the character of this part of the village.

There are many grounds for objection to this proposal outlined by a very wide range of residents in their individual submissions. The parish council is particularly concerned about the following.

1. There will be an increase in cars using the relatively small access point onto Pangbourne Road.
2. The rear of the proposed construction consists of a series of paddocks and a wood: the proposed construction will intrude upon the natural landscape.
3. There is a continuing concern that the site will cross the settlement boundary.
4. Building in the back garden of properties has been opposed consistently by the parish council and by residents. One of the remarkable features of this application is how little space is available for building, and parking, and how cramped the site would be if the application were granted.
5. Access to the proposed building between Southcroft and Timberley is very narrow. Should the application be passed it might well establish a pattern for more 'infill' applications in this area as well as the possibility of further encroachment into the settlement boundary.
6. At least four neighbouring properties will be immediately affected both in terms of loss of privacy and in the direct impact upon the rear of these properties.
7. The proposal is out of character with the general pattern of building and plots in the immediate area.
8. Application 20/00723 is not significantly different from the previous applications, all of which have been refused by the planning committee.