

Address: 49 St. Marks Crescent Newport

Comments Details

Commenter Type: Neighbour

Stance: Customer objects to the Planning Application

Reasons for comment:

Comments: Objection to Application for Planning Permission 25/1053
11/03/2026

We hereby object to the planning permission being sought for retention of storage area and construction of single storey rear extension containing shower /WC at 26 Fields Road for the reasons set out below.

After consulting the plan document on the Newport Council website we object to the retention of the large storage structure for which, according to Section 3 Description of Proposed Works, work has already begun. I note that the box requiring the date when work was started has been left blank. We require to know if any application for permission for the building of this structure was in fact submitted. If this is not the case, not only should permission be refused for its retention but it should be removed altogether until a separate application can be submitted and permission granted, or not, to build it. The structure as it stands is unsightly and gives the impression of being haphazardly, perhaps unsafely built. We assume that a viewing of the structure by a Council Officer from the relevant department will take place, if it already hasn't, to confirm the accuracy of this description. Photograph available.

As neighbours at 49 St Marks Crescent further along the same boundary wall and immediately diagonal to the rear of 26 Fields Road, I can state that work was begun sometime in late July 2025. Without prior warning as a courtesy from the owner of no 26 it carried on for a period of weeks during August causing considerable disruption to us due to the frequent noise from power tools. Consequently it was often impossible because of the noise, for us and our extended family including young grandchildren, to use our back garden during the summer holiday. Work would sometimes carry on during unsociable hours into the evenings and on the weekends. On more than one occasion we knocked the door at no. 26 to ask for the noise to stop at such times. Concern was expressed but it was not long before the noise from building work resumed. Whilst perhaps not illegal, we are most concerned that this scenario will be repeated if permission is granted to retain the structure and that the disruption to us from further work on it will continue in the coming months as well as from the building of the new extension at the rear of the property adjacent to our back garden.

Regarding the new extension, we find it odd that permission should be sought for shower and WC facilities to be built well away from and with no connection to the main residence. It leaves us concerned that if what is now classified as a storage area will be further developed as living space with the bathroom extension perhaps to be connected to it and used by additional inhabitants not currently living at the property. In other words that the retention of the storage area is only a temporary measure with further development in mind, perhaps altering the whole nature and use of the property and the number of its inhabitants. That if this is the case, no 26 Fields Road will consequently no longer retain its formal, legal status as a family residence in keeping with the historical character of a stable, residential neighbourhood. We would need reassurance from the Council that this will not be the case if planning permission is granted as this could well impact on the quality of life in other properties and inhabitants in the area as well as ourselves.

We sincerely hope that the above objections will prove justifiable enough for the planning application in question to be refused.
