

20/00846/HHFUL Acoustic Housing to gable end – 21 Cherryfields

Objections to the proposed 4 AC units and their acoustic housing on the gable end.

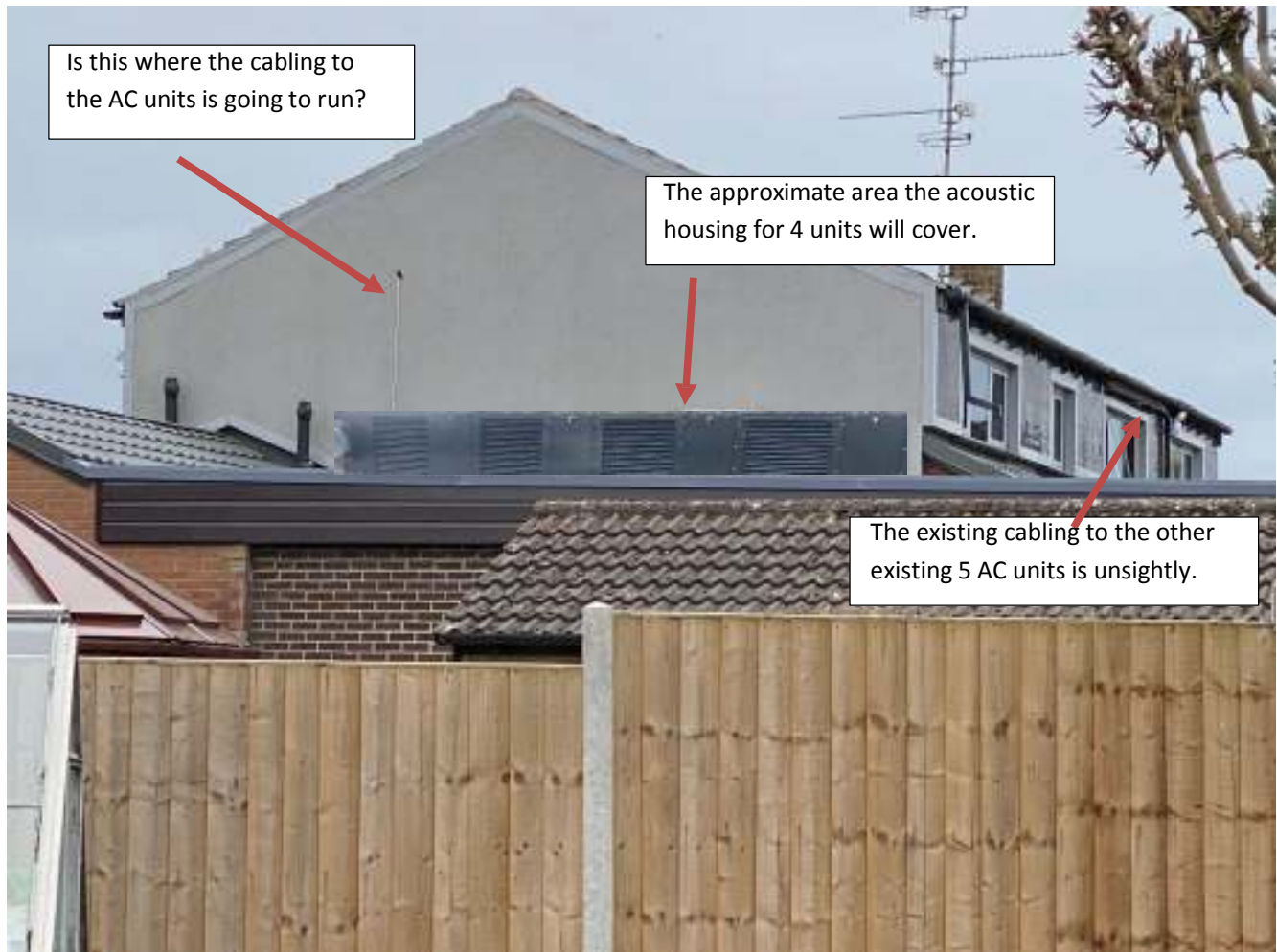
This report includes photos that focus on part of the retrospective planning application 20/00846/HHFUL 21 Cherryfields Planning Committee 20/04/21.

I am focusing my objection on the acoustic housing for the four air conditioning units planned to be sited on the flat roof and attached to the gable end of the first floor. Their size will impact the view of the neighbouring gardens, nos. 22, 23, 24 and 25.

The extensive flat roof at no. 21 has already been built and is an imposing structure. Now the applicant wants to use this flat roof as a station for four of their seven air conditioning units. The flat roof structure with added units will be an even more imposing and ugly view, and unfortunately no screening can be constructed or trees planted to hide this 'commercial' scenery.

The proposed acoustic housing for the 4 AC units is a significantly sized commercial type structure that will be easily viewed from the gardens of 22, 23, 24 and 25 Cherryfields. The view of this structure will have a big impact on how we enjoy our gardens.

This photograph shows the approximate area the acoustic housing for 4 units will cover.



This planned, large acoustic housing structure (see photo 2) is going to have an immense visual impact on no.22, 23, 24 & 25 Cherryfields.

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Where will the cabling run for the 4 AC units?

The existing cabling at the rear of the house for the other existing 5 AC units is large black cabling (see photo no. 3). This unsightly type of cabling will be seen from the street and from neighbouring gardens. This large black cabling is often used on commercial properties and is unusual for domestic ones.

The Planning and EP Committee 20 April 2021 report submitted on the planning portal states: *“The attenuation units will be large but would be sited back from the neighbouring properties to provide some mitigation against a dominance or overbearing impact.”* This statement must be debated because ‘some mitigation’ leaves the reader of the report to question what ‘some’ means. The dictionary definition of ‘some’ is an unspecified number or amount of people or things. To neighbouring gardens ‘some’ means a large and overbearing structure that can’t be screened.

The dimensions of the housing on the gable end flat roof will be the minimum 1090cm (height), 4600cm (width) and 900cm (depth). This is a dominant structure and certainly will have an overbearing impact to neighbours. See photos 2 and 4.

Photo no. 1 - Example of acoustic housing for **2** AC units (as submitted to the planning portal).

Multiply by 2 and that will be the size of the acoustic housing for the **4** AC units planned for the gable end.



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Photo no. 3 – Showing existing black industrial cable under the eaves to the rear of 21 Cherryfields.

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These black cables are unsightly and unusual for a domestic property.



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The acoustic housing is a large imposing structure unusual for domestic properties whatever their size.

Photos no. 4 - It can be difficult to visualise dimensions on a plan so I'm using a wheelie bin as an item of measurement. The dimensions of the AC acoustic housing on the gable end of the flat roof are the minimum 1090mm (height), and 900mm (depth), 4600mm (width).

1090mm (height) – That's the height of a wheelie bin with a food waste bin on top!



4600mm (width) – That's the width of more than 7 wheelie bins in line!



900mm (depth) – That's the depth of one and a half wheelie bins!

