

**210230 – 87 Balmore Drive 12 March 2021**

CADRA has no objection to the principle of a substantial extension, but we are concerned about the impact of this particular design on the character of Balmore Drive, which is a remarkable survival: an inter-war development of very similar semi-detached houses of a good design typical of the period. This character has survived to such a degree that we think development in the area should be subjected to the tests in Policy EN6 of the Local Plan: New Development in a Historic Context.

This survival is despite many substantial extensions to adapt these homes to modern needs. With few exceptions, these have been well-mannered and mainly to the rear, leaving the front appearance little altered and particularly retaining the symmetry of each pair of semis. This is not the case with this proposal, which extends a long way to the side and unbalances the pair. We urge a rethink, to provide the same accommodation in a more sensitive way and more to the rear of the house.

Several residents have approached us as a community group with fears that the intention is for this house to become a HMO, which would be inappropriate here. The drawings do not seem to suggest that, but if permission is granted these fears could be allayed with a suitable condition.