

Rachel Richardson

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 28 January 2026 12:53
To: Rachel Richardson; Ann Biggs
Subject: Please add to planning portal - DM/25/2626 - 42 Hurst Road, Hassocks

Dear Rachel,

Having now reviewed the applicant's *As Proposed Site and Ground Context Plan (Drawing No. 1684 3.002 Rev C)* and sought legal further legal advice. I wish to add a further clarification to my earlier comments.

The plans clearly show that the proposed driveway and car port are positioned directly along our shared western boundary, immediately adjacent to our principal garden and living areas. This alignment appears to arise from the applicant's decision to accommodate multiple built elements on the plot, rather than from any inherent site constraint.

In these circumstances, the resulting impacts — including headlight glare, light spill and disturbance from vehicle movements — **are not unavoidable site impacts, but consequences of the chosen layout and intensity of development.**

While a 2-metre close-boarded fence is now proposed, this appears to function as a compensatory measure for the proximity of the driveway rather than as mitigation arising from an evidence-led assessment of lighting or amenity impacts. No alternative driveway alignments or layout options appear to have been explored, and no technical evidence has been provided to demonstrate that fencing alone would adequately address the effects shown on the submitted plans.

We respectfully ask that the acceptability of the driveway siting be assessed on its **own planning merits**, including whether the overall scheme represents an over-intensive use of the plot that is driving harm to neighbouring amenity, rather than treating the fence as a substitute for appropriate design-led avoidance of impact.

Kind regards,

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44 Hurst Road, Hassocks