



Mid Sussex District Council  
Oaklands Road  
Haywards Heath  
West Sussex  
RH16 1SS

Our ref: 20335  
Date: 05 August 2026

For the attention of: Katherine Williams

**Application ref:** DM/26/1689  
**Location:** Land South Of St Stephens Church Hamsland Horsted Keynes  
West Sussex

**Proposal/Description:** Discharge of condition nos 2, 4, 15, 16 and 24 relating to  
Variation of condition application DM/24/1253

Thank you for consulting with Place Services on the above application. This response letter relates to Condition 4. Further details as follows.

| Condition No.           | Comments                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                           |
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| 4 – Hard<br>Landscaping | <p><b>Unable to discharge</b></p> <p>The Private Surfacing Layout Plan (Dwg. IDL/1334/06/01 Rev C2) identifies boundary treatments to rear gardens of plots 3-7 proposed as close board fencing facing the parking court. As per condition wording “<i>The scheme shall also have reference to the High Weald Design Guide and ensure that close board fences are not used as garden boundaries where they would be viewed from public areas.</i>”</p> <p>DG4 of the High Weald Design Guide states “<i>Close board fences are not an appropriate boundary treatment to define either the fronts or sides of plots from the public realm.</i>”</p> <p>Furthermore, DG6 states: “<i>Where possible, these areas should be defined by buildings bordering the space, arranged to animate the</i></p> |



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submitted. These are required by the condition wording.

Please contact us if you have any queries in relation to this advice.

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