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Dear Caroline

Apologies if our comments on the planning application DM/26/1813 have already been registered on the system. We have received multiple error messages so wanted to make sure they reached you, hence the email. We are based at 8 Ashenground Close and can provide our contact information if our submission on the system hasn't been successful.

Our comments were as follows:

We are grateful for the opportunity to review the planning material for 4 Ashenground Close and submit our comments. We have reviewed the supporting statement and have no comments regarding the back garden or additional front porch.

We moved into the close in May 2026. When we put in an offer on our house in February, we were not aware that the wall of number 4 was planned to be as large as it is. The wall was seemingly half the height it is now. This would naturally have featured in our considerations had proper planning been pursued, and therefore available for our review. We were fortunate in our purchase that we were provided with all the original sale and covenant information. Our understanding is that this was in place to maintain a neighborhood feel and appearance. While we would never expect every house to match, we have been surprised at such a stark departure in design.

Due to our position in the close, the size and structure of the wall are significantly prominent for us and clearly stand out as not befitting the nature of the area. We appreciate that the inside of the wall will be landscaped, however the road facing aspect of the wall will be stark and as is. We note in the supporting statement that an argument has been made to suggest the wall is only slightly higher than the original shrubbery and therefore similar in appearance. However, a hedge naturally allows for movement and light which is inherently different to a rendered wall and therefore is not equivalent. Additionally, the hedge allowed for numbers 4 and 5 to blend in together and create cohesion, as seen in images available from Google Maps dated 2024.

From the planning information, we cannot see any plans for water drainage and run-off as the front aspect of the property is now concrete and hard standing material. This poses a concern for those of us downhill to number 4.

Finally, for the short time we've lived here, we have been negatively impacted by the noise of the development and the impact to traffic and parking.

Best wishes

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