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**From:** [REDACTED]  
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**Subject:** DM/25/2626 (42 Hurst Road) — new drawing uploaded on eve of Committee — status and request for Update Sheet

Dear Ms Richardson & Ms Fisher

We have just seen that a new drawing has been uploaded to the application file: "As Proposed Visual / Axonometric", Landivar Architects drawing 1684 3.010b\_RevA, dated July 2026, showing proposed hedge planting along the shared boundary with our property. This has appeared after the close of consultation and after the deadline for written representations to Members, so we have had no opportunity to respond to it through the normal process.

Could you please confirm, as a matter of urgency given tomorrow's meeting:

1. The formal status of this drawing — is it an accepted amendment to the application, or illustrative material only?
2. Given that it was submitted after the close of consultation and could not be responded to through the normal process, we would ask that Members be advised to attach no weight to this drawing in their consideration of the application.
3. If, notwithstanding the above, the drawing is to be before Members tomorrow, we ask that the following response from us be recorded in the Agenda Update Sheet:

The drawing proposes mitigation — an acoustic hedge to attenuate noise and eliminate headlight glare — for precisely the amenity harms to our property that our representations and the expert lighting evidence of Dr Ticleanu (BRE, ref P131417-1000) have identified. It offers no technical assessment in response to that evidence. The mitigation it shows — a 2.0m close-boarded fence, a hedge maintained at 2.0–2.5m and the access track itself — is all located within the root protection area of the boundary ash, the tree in respect of which the Council's Tree Officer has maintained an objection due to the absence of any root protection calculation. The drawing also contains basic errors, including the wrong settlement in its title ("Hurstpierpoint" rather than Hassocks), impossible dimensions on the section (8900m and 2500m), and a revision date of 07.07.2025.

Fairness would not permit new material to be given weight when those affected have had no opportunity to respond to it, and we trust it will not be necessary for the application to be held over on account of a drawing submitted this late.

We are copying Democratic Services so that this correspondence is on the record for tomorrow's meeting.

Kind regards

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