

I note your confirmation that my previous representations have been summarised in the report and that I can submit further representations which will be reported to the Committee. I would therefore ask that the following additional points are also brought to Members' attention:

- The proposal results in the loss and reduction of communal outdoor space which residents understood to be communal when purchasing their properties.
- When I purchased my apartment, the outlook from my first-floor apartment was over an open shared area with a mature tree at its centre. The proposed private garden materially changes the character and use of this space from what residents were originally presented with.
- My apartment looks directly onto this area. Had I known that the communal space immediately in front of my apartment would subsequently be incorporated into a private garden, I would not have chosen to purchase this apartment.
- This is therefore not simply a matter of a change to a garden; it has a direct and significant impact on the outlook, amenity and privacy of my property and on the circumstances in which I made the decision to purchase it.
- I remain concerned about the principle of allowing an area that was understood to form part of the communal amenity to become incorporated into a private garden, and the precedent this may set for further loss or alteration of communal areas.
- The impact should not be considered solely in terms of the individual garden proposed, but also in terms of the cumulative reduction in communal amenity available to the wider development.
- I would ask Members to consider the reasonable expectations of residents who purchased their properties on the basis of the communal layout and open space that existed at the time.

I am extremely disappointed that permission is being recommended despite the concerns raised and the significant change this proposal represents to the communal environment of the development.

I am also away with work and therefore unable to attend the Committee meeting in person. I would be grateful if my representations could therefore be fully reported to Members and taken into consideration when the application is determined.

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