



PLANNING STATEMENT

Location: Mid Sussex District Council

Address: 4 Ashenground Close, Haywards Heath, RH16 4PT

Project: Part retrospective planning application for landscaping and elevations to the front and rear gardens.

Introduction

This statement supports the application for part retrospective planning application for landscaping and elevations to the front and rear gardens. Our client was unaware planning was required for this, until she was issued with an enforcement notice.

Background

The bungalow was purchase 4 years ago and had approval for various extensions and conversions (DM/22/3065 and DM/23/2481). The client was unaware permission was needed for the current works being carried out. The client is an elderly woman who wants to adequately secure her garden as she lives alone. There is a higher raised area with steps up to the front door, which has been added to help cater for her disability and futureproofing of the property for her needs. Based on the quality of the work and the design this includes a small front fountain which has themed around a Mediterranean vista, for her to enjoy the last years of her life. This includes bedding for plants and finished driveway with fully permeable decorate gravel.

The main frontage of the wall is at 1.5m this curves around to the adjoining property boundary, we have been advised that the builder had to rebuild this side of the wall due to significant movement to the original wall.

The previous landscaping was of high bushes and shrubs which were of similar height the finished wall.

Proposal Details

- **New Construction:** once all the planting goes in it will soften the landscaping and surrounding area, containing the shrubs within the boundary.
- **Design Considerations:** The design is sympathetic to the existing building, maintaining the character and appearance of the neighbourhood. Materials and finishes will match those of the existing house to minimize visual impact.
- **Access and Parking:** there is ample parking spaces and a neat bin stall has been created.

Justification

- Whilst the wall is somewhat higher than planner will allow, once this has been landscaped this will look similar to the previous bushes but will also contain the shrubbery.
- Looking at the streetscene, gardens off much variation with high hedges, walls and fences.

Conclusion

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The proposal offers valid reasons for our clients needs, which will contain the planting and protect against the landscape looking unkept.