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Subject: RE: DM/26/1205 Little White Gates, Black Hill, Lindfield

Hi Andrew

Further comments on the above planning application.

Further information has been received including a heritage statement and revised plans. These confirm that the picket fence is to be of untreated wood, and that the Laurel hedge which has been planted is to be retained. It remains highly unfortunate that the previously existing mature hedgerow was removed, and that on replanting the opportunity was not taken to introduce native species which would be of wildlife benefit. However, on balance the current proposal is considered to reinstate an appropriate boundary treatment which should, on maturation, reintroduce the verdant character which has been lost from this part of Black Hill.

On balance, therefore, the proposal is considered to meet the requirements of District Plan Policies DP34 and DP35.

I would recommend a condition requiring the retention and upkeep of the hedgerow for the maximum possible number of years.

Thanks,

Emily

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Subject: DM/26/1205 Little White Gates, Black Hill, Lindfield

Hi Andrew

Initial comments on the above planning application.

Little White Gates is an unlisted 20th century bungalow situated to the south side of Black Hill within the Lindfield Conservation Area. Until recently a dense hedgerow was in place along the road facing boundary of the property. This was removed and a tall close boarded fence constructed without planning permission. Following an enforcement investigation, and on Officer advice that the retention of this fence would not be favourably viewed, the fence was removed and hedge (possibly laurel?) has been planted. The current proposal is for the construction of a max. 1.25 m high timber picket fence along this boundary.

To allow a fully informed assessment of this proposal, can the applicant please provide the following:

- Confirmation of the material and finish of the fence;
- Confirmation of whether the existing newly planted hedgerow is to be retained alongside the fencing, and if so, what is the relative position of the two? If it is to be retained, can the hedging please be shown on the proposed site plan; and
- An appropriately detailed heritage statement, which considers the impact of the proposal on the settings of the listed buildings to the opposite side of Black Hill- Little Pelham, Pelham Place Cottages, Partridges and Black Hill House. This should be prepared according to the staged approach to the assessment of impact of development within the settings of listed buildings which is set out in the relevant Historic England guidance GPA Note 3 '*The Settings of Heritage Assets*'. This is a validation requirement.

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