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Application: DM/26/1813

Site: 4 Ashenground Close, Haywards Heath, West Sussex, RH16 4PT

Proposal: Part retrospective and proposed work to the front garden wall with landscaping arrangement to front driveway with raised area to the front of the house including raising the rear fence with trellis for privacy due to the sloped gardens.

Dear Sir/Madam,

I object to application DM/26/1813.

The part-retrospective front garden wall is excessive in height, length and solidity. It dominates the street scene and is out of character with Ashenground Close.

This is a quiet cul-de-sac of modest mid-century houses and bungalows. Existing front boundaries are typically low brick walls, hedges, planting or open drives. They are low, broken and relatively soft. The new wall is a long, high, plain rendered barrier. It reads as an urban enclosure rather than a suburban frontage and is markedly more prominent than neighbouring treatments, especially on this sloping frontage.

The proposal therefore fails to address the character and scale of the surrounding buildings and landscape. It harms the appearance of the street and does not reflect local boundary traditions in height, structure or materials. That is contrary to Policy DP26 of the Mid Sussex District Plan and the Mid Sussex Design Guide SPD, which require development to be well designed, to respond to context, and for boundary treatments to be reflective of the area.

I accept that some enclosure and landscaping may be reasonable. The wall as built and proposed is not. I ask that the application be refused unless the front wall is substantially reduced in height and redesigned with materials and planting that match the prevailing character of Ashenground Close.

Yours faithfully,

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