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4 Ashenground Close, Haywards Heath RH16 4PT

As residents of 1 Ashenground Close we wish to object to the above referenced planning application and comment as follows.

The development of this property has had a profound and detrimental impact on the appearance of Ashenground Close as it is totally out of keeping with the other properties. In particular, the very high, solid, wall around the front of the property is an eyesore. Building works have been going on for at least three years with all the associated noise and disturbance and often starting before 8am. There is a history of flooding in the close after periods of heavy rain and the removal of grass and shrubbery to be replaced with hard landscaping is likely to only impact this more negatively.

With reference to the Supporting Letter for this planning application we further comment against each section as below.

Background - If the owner has a disability then why elevate the front door/ground floor area with step access required? Elevating the living space relative to all other properties means the owner does not see the impact of such a high wall as other residents.

New Construction - any planting is within the boundary of the property so will not soften the outlook for other residents.

Design Considerations - In no way is the design sympathetic to the existing building nor does it maintain the character and appearance of the neighbourhood.

Access and Parking - The bin store is built right at the front of the property with bins constantly visible. All other properties have their bins near the house positioned as discreetly as possible.

Justification - How can a high, plain rendered wall look similar to the previous bushes that were on the property before development?

Finally, if the high wall around the front of the property has been built without planning permission, and any inspections, then one has to wonder if the foundations are adequate to make the wall safe. Rebuilding work being required due to significant movement of the wall is mentioned in the Supporting Letter.

Yours faithfully

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