

Caroline Grist

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Subject: Mid Sussex DC - Online Register - Comments for Planning Application DM/26/1813

Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Planning Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 16/08/2026 7:23 PM.

Application Summary

Address:	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.
Case Officer:	Caroline Grist

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Customer Details

Address:	11 Ashenground Close Haywards Heath
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Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour or general public
Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	
Comments:	1 when I purchased my property (no. 11 Ashenground Close) in 1978 I was told a covenant existed ensuring that the frontage of all properties in the close would remain open plan and no permanent structure could be used to define boundaries. Plots were separated by hedges. We were under Cuckfield Rural and I have several documents specifying hedgerows marking boundaries. The hedgerow between no.4 and no.5 was removed and replaced with the wall that extends to the front of no.4 and continues up against the pathway across the frontage. 2 The wall is out of place in the close. The mixture of three styles of bungalow with open plan frontage reflects the rural aspect of the area. Over the years the residents of Ashenground Close have kept the rural feel of this unique close despite substantial development in the local area.

3 The wall presents a hazard to the children that play in the close , especially the younger ones on their little bikes and scooters that ride on the path.

4 The removal of the hedgerow, cherry tree and lawn and the hardscaping of the front of the property including the wall is likely to have a negative impact on the surface water run off and drainage in the close.

Already the single drain at the bottom of the close backs up and overflows during heavy or prolonged rain often flooding the bottom of the road and sometimes the path at the bottom of the close. Several times the water has flooded my driveway and garage and that of no.10 . Where will the surface water trapped behind the wall of no. 4 end up?

5 The property owner told me that the wall was for privacy and security but being chest height the wall affords neither.

Extending the high hedgerow instead of destroying it would have better accomplished this in a more environmentally friendly manner.

General comment:

The original planning consent for the extension of the bungalow was to provide a self contained apartment for the owner's son and his daughter.

Unfortunately the son has died during the three and a half years of the on going building work and his daughter no longer intends to take occupancy.

It is only recently that the owner has taken residence after a long period of work on the property and the original bungalow is no longer recognisable and rather looks like a replica of a walled villa found along the Mediterranean coast and therefore not in keeping with the aesthetic of the close.

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Kind regards