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Dear Ms Tidey,

Further to this planning application DM/26/1/1449, I object to this application to retain the fence at 1 Portsmouth Wood Close.

This fence is the subject of a series of applications that were for a temporary fence for the property to allow the yew hedge to become established. The initial planning application (DM/16/1008) was for 5 years, and was extended for a further 3 years by a second planning application (DM/21/2017), during which time parts of the hedge were replanted. This expired in December 2024 and the fence was required to be removed.

At the time of the decision for the DM/21/2017 application, the reasoning was given as:

The Local Planning Authority would not normally grant permission for such a development in this location but under the circumstances prevailing it is considered reasonable to make an exception in this instance and to allow the development for a limited period in order to allow the boundary hedge to become established and to accord with policy DP26 and DP37 of the Mid Sussex District Plan and Policies 1 and 7 of the Lindfield and Lindfield Rural Neighbourhood Plan.

This fence is still visible behind the hedge, as can be seen from the attached photographs. These were taken from Portsmouth Wood (to the South) and from Portsmouth Wood Close (to the West).

The fence remains out of character for the rest of the estate, and has a detrimental effect on the street scene. Correspondence on previous applications noted that the fence affects the planned appearance of Portsmouth Wood and Portsmouth Wood Close and as the estate is an area of “townscape character” under the Lindfield and Lindfield Rural Neighbourhood Plan, and, as such, is important in its own right. The correspondence at the time requested that the street scene should be protected and the fence removed.

This remains unchanged and I can see no reason why this fence cannot be removed in accordance with the original planning permissions that were granted. It has achieved its original purpose.

I therefore urge you to reject this application.

Yours sincerely,

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