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Sent: 04 September 2017 14:55
To: Deborah Lynn
Subject: Hammonds Place, Burgess Hill DM/17/2098

Hi Debbie

Please find comments below on this application:

Hammonds Place is a Grade II listed timber framed building dating from 1566 and sited in substantial gardens within the more modern development of Burgess Hill town. Just to the north Little Hammonds and Hammonds Barn are also Grade II listed, and form a group with the main house.

The current proposal is for the erection of a 2m high close boarded fence along the eastern boundary of the site, adjacent to London Road. At present there is more open fencing set back within the vegetation along this side of the garden. This soft, green boundary, which is mirrored by the hedgerow to the opposite side of the road, makes a positive contribution to the setting of the group of listed buildings and the manner in which their special interest is appreciated, giving an indication of the formerly rural character of the buildings' context.

In my opinion, the close boarded fencing set hard against the back of the London Road pavement will detract from the existing character of the setting of the listed buildings, by the introduction of a harder, more urban boundary. This will affect the experience of people passing along London Road on foot and by car, from which glimpsed views of the buildings are afforded. The fencing will therefore detract from one of the principal contexts in which the special interest of the group of heritage assets is appreciated.

I would suggest that a more open style of fencing, set back within the belt of vegetation to the eastern edge of the garden, might be more acceptable.

As it stands, I consider that the proposal fails to meet the requirements of Local Plan Policy B10 and emerging District Plan Policy DP32. In terms of the NPPF I would consider the harm caused to be less than substantial, such that the criteria set out in paragraph 134 of that document would apply.

Thanks,

Emily

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