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Re: Application No: DM/26/1813 – 4 Ashenground Close, Haywards Heath RH16 4PT

Dear Caroline,

In relation to the above part retrospective planning application for the above property, we would like to put forward our concerns and objections to the work that has taken place and is continuing to still take place. These are listed below for your consideration.

- **The removal of the original wall that faced onto the public footpath, as per similar properties within the Close. I question if the significantly new muchly higher wall has had the necessary increased foundations to withstand the increase in weight?**
- **The removal of the original herbaceous border, lawn and Cherry Tree, being replaced by a solid brick wall and many brick installations will stop the habitation of natural wildlife that previously would have been present. Therefore impacting on the environment with lack of pollination etc.**
- **The property is no longer in keeping with any of the properties in the Close. Whilst nearly every property is individual in slightly different designs, they are all in keeping with each other, however No. 4 is significantly inappropriate within a small English cul de sac.**
- **Environmentally, there has been a significant increase in traffic within the Close and congestion due to the number of tradespeople vehicles, delivery lorries etc within a very small Close. This has impacted on Emergency vehicles unable to access residents in need of assistance on a couple of occasions.**
- **With the removal of the front foliage and lawn, replacing with a solid wall etc, this may impact on the properties at the bottom of the close as the water when severe rain occurs does impact on them. When the front garden at No.4 was in situ it did absorb some of the water therefore reducing the impact on the properties directly in the line of fire of the excess water deluge. This is a concern to all residents.**

- **We believe that the erection of said wall & steps etc is partly due to security of the applicant and privacy of said applicant. However, the height of the new entrance steps are significantly higher than any other property within the Close, therefore there are no properties that have their own privacy any longer.**
- **The works have been ongoing now for near on 4 years, with continual deliveries, and machine work, sometimes starting with lorries arriving as early as 7.15am and works commencing before 8am. This has been impacting on the younger families and elderly residents in poor health.**

I do hope that our concerns are duly noted in relation to this application and many thanks for your time in taking these into consideration in advance.

Yours sincerely,



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