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Planning Department Department Mid Sussex District Council
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Dear Andrew Clarke

Re: Retrospective Planning Application – 9 Riddiford Drive, Burgess Hill Proposal:
Expansion of garden and erection of wooden fence

I wish to register my objection to the above retrospective planning application.

****Grounds for Objection:****

- 1. **Impact on Street Character**** The expansion of the garden and erection of a wooden fence disrupts the established building line and uniform appearance of Riddiford Drive. This development is out of keeping with the character of the area and would set an undesirable precedent.
- 2. **Encroachment on Public/Communal Land**** The garden extension appears to incorporate land that has historically formed part of the public realm. Allowing private appropriation of such land reduces amenity for the wider community.
- 3. **Precedent for Unauthorised Works**** Granting retrospective permission would encourage other residents to undertake similar works without prior approval, undermining the integrity of the planning process.
- 4. **Visual Intrusion**** The wooden fence is visually intrusive and detracts from the open aspect of the street scene, negatively affecting neighbouring properties and the overall sense of openness.

****Conclusion** For the reasons outlined above, I respectfully request that the Council refuse this retrospective application and require removal of the unauthorised development.**

Yours faithfully,

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