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Dear Sirs

Re: Planning Application APP/19/00976 25 Heather Close Waterlooville PO7 8EE: OBJECTION

We wish to OBJECT to the Planning Application APP/19/00976 in respect of a proposed extension of the fences to the southern and eastern boundaries of No 25 Heather Close, Waterlooville, PO7 8EE.

- 1) We note that the Council has received several objections to this application. especially one detailed response received by HBC on 17 October 2019. We completely endorse the points noted in this OBJECTION.
- 2) We have the same Covenants using identical text in our House Deeds which note the restrictions in Sections 3a and 3b. We will not repeat the wording of the Covenants as these are within the OBJECTION noted above.
- 3) We have spoken with other neighbours in Heather Close and Mallow Close who have the same covenants. It is reasonable to think that the owners of No25 Heather Close have the same texts.
- 4) It should be noted that the current owners are currently in breach of these covenants in that both the eastern and particularly the southern boundaries which are in a poor state of repair, but only need some basic maintenance to the planting and foliage. To replace this planting by moving the existing solid fence line to line up with existing pavement would be in direct contravention of the covenants.
- 5) We note that the supplied drawing purporting to show the proposed new southern fence line seems to show the fence extending over the pavement to the road line. We suspect this to be an error but should be clarified. However, in this OBJECTION we assume the new line to be on the inner edge of the existing pavement.
- 6) HBC may note that should this Application be granted it could be taken as precedence by other properties in Heather Close and Mallow Close to apply to make similar fence line moves. In fact, we understand that previous owners of our property did apply to move the northern boundary fence, but this was refused.
- 7) The 'open aspect' of the estate relies on the boundaries as initially designed by HBC and the developers, Bovis Homes. To have a 1.8m boundary fence on the boundaries of No25 Heather Close will be obtrusive to this 'open aspect' at the entrance to Heather Close and for the properties located there, and detract from the 'open aspect' of the estate.
- 8) This 'open aspect' is critical to the sight lines within the estate especially on the 90 degree bend on which No 25 Heather is sited on the inside corner.
- 9) This corner is already critical for traffic entering and leaving the estate exacerbated by parking on all sides of the corner by not only the owners of No25 Heather Close with large work vans and a minibus, including visitors who sometimes leave large vehicles all day, but also parents delivering and collecting children from the adjacent schools.

- 11) All frequently park on the pavements, restricting their width especially for pedestrians, those with children, pushchairs or mobility scooters. These people can be forced into the roadway with no vision of vehicles coming from either direction. This parking is in contravention of Covenants 3f and 3g in respect of the No25 parking and the 2017 edition of the Highway Code notably Sections 242, 243 and 244.
- 12) Little care is given to the vehicle ingress and egress with drivers forced on the 'wrong side' of the road. There have been many near misses, and it can only be a matter of time before something will go badly wrong.
- 13) The overall aspect of parking, reduced sight lines coupled with human carelessness already makes this corner on Heather Close a SAFETY HAZARD. Approval of this Planning Application would compound this.
- 14) A solid fence line on the southern boundary line in place of the 'softer' planting would make the pavement even more restricted especially given the parking aspect. The effect on the sight lines by the proposed new fence line would likely be the 'straw that breaks the camel's back'.
- 15) HBC should note the effect on the sight lines of No26 Heather Close which is already restricted by the overgrowth of the planting at No25. A solid 1.8m fence would reduce the sight to near zero.
- 16) We have not seen any public notices affixed to any surface that may be viewed by all residents of Heather Close and Mallow Close and by visitors and passersby/road users who may be affected by the Planning Application.
- 17) In Summary, in view of the breaches in Covenant, the effect on sight lines within Heather Close and the safety aspects resulting we must strongly OBJECT to this Planning Application APP/19/00976.
- 18) We would welcome any queries that HBC have to this OBJECTION and request confirmation of receipt of this communication and advice of the outcome of the application review.

Yours faithfully



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