

Application Number: APP/21/00956

5, Westgrove Gardens, Bridge Road, Emsworth, PO10 7DR

Further to our previous statement/comments of the 16th October 2022. It is evident that I inadvertently left a paragraph out of this submission which was later referred to as follows in the submission published on the HBC Planning website:

“All this without bringing any improvement to the area beyond what could have been achieved by a straightforward ‘tidying-up’ project as previously described”.

The missing paragraph reads:

We are greatly saddened by the way that this development has grown and continues to grow. Whatever our thoughts regarding the work of the previous owner, or the way that the property has looked in recent years, what is being built is not what was needed to maintain the integrity and appearance of Westgrove Gardens. A personal preference would have been for it to have been brought by young people looking for a first property and willing to put some effort into ‘tidying-up’ the site and improving the house internally. That has not happened and, instead, some of us have spent much time and effort checking and challenging the design and progress of the work. This has required us to develop, understand and come to terms with the de-regulation of a planning process which now allows developers to make progress with a freedom of action that would not previously have been possible. ‘Tilting at windmills’ this may well have been, but it has made some progress – an assurance that the developer would have to maintain flood protection features and also the relocation of a wall which would have blocked windows in a neighbouring property. More than ever it now seems like an opportunity for young people living in Emsworth to get on the housing ladder, whilst preventing a development that everyone dislikes, has been lost.

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31st October 2022