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To confirm re: our conversation.

I agree that the fence is contrary to policy CS11.1. It is not complementary to the character of the lane, it appears urbanised because of it's height and form. The removal of so much existing vegetation from the adjacent boundaries is also regrettable.

I also believe that the positioning if the cart store-elongating the length of the buildings along the Long Copse lane boundary is also out of character. It would create a rather blank façade against the lane which is not seen within the area..

Collectively these works already carried out - namely the fence, and the proposal for the cart store have made a considerable alteration to the character of the lane and countryside and could be considered to have begun to erode the character of the Emsworth-Westbourne Gap.

Kind Regards

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Daphney, following our site visit to the address at Long Copse Lane, I have the following observations and comments.

The fence that has been constructed is out of character with the rest of the lane, and gives it an over-urbanised effect. The height of the fence implies that the foundations for the fenceposts will also have been quite deep and the fence posts in some locations are very close to TPO trees. There is little hedge coverage in front of the fence line to soften the effect of a fence this height nor is there much space on the bank to plant more. Viewed in spring there is little coverage and this will look more sparse in winter.

the open style fencing at the entrance and gate are suitable and a low fence would have been more suitable along this boundary.

The surfacing of the car parking area is not a good quality grade and has little compaction quality giving little support for vehicles and increasing the possible impact on adjacent TPO root zones.

relevant LCA extract to support these comments.

Linear intermittent hamlets with predominantly mixed hedgerow boundaries with mature oak trees evoking a rural character

Specific local key issues

- o Loss of boundary hedgerows leading to large fields and poor edge treatment
- o Encroachment of urban character into adjacent rural areas
- o Increased use of farmland for horse grazing

Landscape and built form strategy and guidelines

The landscape strategy is **conserve** and **enhance** the local character. The following guidelines apply:

Land management

- o Retain and manage characteristic small hedged paddocks.
- o Retain and manage the treed hedgerow character

Built form and development

- o Retain rural character of the intermittent linear settlement to the east of New Brighton, with open grass verges, boundary hedgerows or low flint walls. Avoid urbanizing trends i.e. close boarded wooden fencing, high brick walls, outside lighting and railings

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