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Planning Development – Your ref: APP/25/OO327
May 30th 2025

Dear Ms D. Sheath

Whilst we are delighted that the new owners of no.34 Manor Close are intending to tackle the severely overgrown trees and shrubs in the garden, and replace them with new shrubs, (not mentioned on their previous application which was withdrawn) we are most unhappy about the proposal to erect a new brick garage which is shown on the plans to be extending to within a metre of the Eastern wall to their property abutting the private pedestrian path down the centre of Manor Close. There is a small wooden shed set further back, but also breaking the requirement to keep to the line of the houses – which being blocked by the huge shrubs I do not think had been noticed.

[REDACTED] light significantly blocked by [REDACTED], which towers to [REDACTED] or more, blocking out the [REDACTED] light. The plans show that the new owners of 34 Manor Close propose to take all that greenery out, and build instead a large garage, so that we will look out directly on to a brick wall, [REDACTED] still blocking the light. It should be noted that there is a restrictive covenant [REDACTED] (presumably for all the properties in Manor Close) “not to erect any permanent building between the dwelling house and ‘Manor Close’ private footpath’. So, apart from some having small enclosed porches, there are **no sheds or other permanent structures** on the lovely gardens adjacent to the path. The most that some residents have is a garden seat, giving the front gardens of all the homes great pleasure to residents and visitors. Every home has about 5 metres from the edge of their house to the footpath, and then the wide footpath itself and the same the other side, so buildings are separated from each other by almost 12 metres. This building gap has been respected by **every** other home owner in the Close.

Should permission be granted to build a garage well in front of the house line, [REDACTED] Other residents might easily follow suit and build out at the front of their houses, and the special ‘wildlife corridor’ might eventually be lost. Please note that residents are not encouraged currently to build any sort of artificial barrier enclosing their land fronting on to the path.

Please could the Planning Committee visit this unique road in a lovely conservation area, and reject the building of a garage so close to the main pedestrian path, not keeping to the line of the other buildings. We would also request that we can make a deputation to the planning committee when this application comes up for their consideration..

Yours

Co [REDACTED]
Cllr Phil Munday, St Faiths Ward and Cllr Richard Brown, Chair of the Planning Committee