

Ms. D. Sheath,
The Planning Service,
Public Service Plaza,
Civic Road Centre,
Havant. PO92AX

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Dear Ms. Sheath,

Ref: APP/21/00059

I wish to register my objection to the above application.

Towers Garden has a distinctive presence within Langstone's historic core. The Langstone Conservation Area Review, Character Appraisal, identifies the open planned nature of Towers Garden with its set back houses, front gardens laid to grass and the absence of walls and fences. "Collectively this provides an attractive environment, enhanced by trees (which) add to the visual amenities and contrast with the harsh landscape treatment elsewhere (in the historic core). Development Plan 5.1

Article 4(i) in the Management Plan addresses the control of hard surfacing on existing garden frontages. The point is made that any change, however small in scale, has the potential of having a detrimental impact on the character of an area by eroding those special qualities identified in the character appraisal. The buildings and grass frontages of Towers Garden are not stand alone features but form part of a designed complex which should be seen as a whole. "The green spaces", stated the Langstone Village Design Statement, "are essential to the setting of (this) development and should be retained. V.D.S. p17.

I do not believe that this application will enhance the visual continuity of Towers Garden and request, therefore, that it should be rejected.

Yours sincerely,