

I feel that now No 2 Towers Garden is applying for permission to have hardstanding outside their property, it's an opportune time to relook at the Cul-de-sac as a whole.

When I moved to Langstone, my solicitor pointed out that I would be moving to a Conservation area and I would be limited in what I could do. I remember replying, 'That's fine, I love the open green lawns in front of the houses, the houses equal in design, and it's great to know they'll always be there'. Subsequently Article 4 was also brought in.

So what's happened? Article 4 has not been adhered to in some cases.

There are now two property's who have paved over their lawns and park cars on the front. I'm told both of these were on Crown land, which, according to Google, means they should have had planning permission whether a Conservation area or not. Neither had planning, in fact one had planning denied, yet the Council, yes you, have done nothing to restore these areas back to grass to retain the Conservation area status.

Now there is a third request for the lawn to be removed and cars parked on the frontage.

So my question is, why is this area still a Conservation area and why is there an Article 4? What is there left to conserve?

As there has been no reversal of these developments to retain the Conservation status, why not take the Conservation status away? There is a parking issue in Towers garden, and there is an issue driving through the road when a car is parked on the lawn with cars parked along the road, it's very disorientating.

If each house could apply for a dropped kerb and have it approved, this would give two parking spaces for the 4 bedroom houses and one space for the 3 bed.

If required to retain the Conservation status, the Council should provide guidance on the design, surfaces, colours etc to be used for hard standing and also allow hedging and planting which currently isn't supposed to happen. Without this, I perceive that more tenants will apply for planning which you will allow, or they'll do it anyway, and this area will end up being an eye sore with lots of different front pavings and levels. It could become a pretty area again with some forethought from yourselves.

