

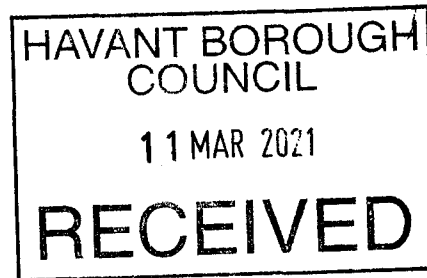


Planning and Development
Havant Borough Council

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FAO Ms D Sheath

Dear Ms Sheath



APP/21/00059

As an owner and resident in Langstone High Street since 1982 I have watched the original look of the Towers Garden frontages in Langstone Village being gradually eroded and have been opposed to all of them as I am totally opposed to this one.

As described in the Langstone Village Design Statement, the original intention for Towers Garden was of an 'open plan' development with uninterrupted green grass fronting white weather-boarded houses.

This was first departed from by the owner of No 11 who put down a gravel 'sea-side' frontage planted with grasses, which at least could be argued was appropriate to the area and could be parked on if need arose without causing damage but was unwelcome to many neighbours.

Later, but still pre-2011, the new owners of No 15 planted small beech trees around the perimeter of that frontage. This was deplored by neighbours but could not be prevented as this did not require planning permission at the time.

When HBC reviewed and appraised the Langstone Village Conservation Area in 2010-11 it was apparently decided that, in order to protect Towers Garden from any further depredations, planning regulations needed to be strengthened and Article 4 (1) Directive was added. This specifically mentioned 'off-street parking' and/or 'hard surfacing on existing garden frontages' which is what is being applied for in APP/21/00059.

I understand that there is one letter in support of application 21/00059 citing the fact that many households now have at least 2 cars. However every situation has at least one drawback. In order to live in lovely old cottages in a Conservation Area, owners of Nos 2a-12 Langstone High Street and 9 Towers Garden accept that they have no parking space or garage, similarly the owners of and residents in Nos 1-8 and 10-15 Towers Garden must know that they have only one garage of the size deemed appropriate when the houses were built.

I also believe that HBC Planning Development needs to be reminded of the 2011 Article 4 (1) Directive which it added in 2011 and refuse this application.

Yours faithfully

