

4 Kendal Close
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PO8 8ET

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Planning Services
Havant Borough Council
Public Services Plaza
Civic Centre Road
Havant
Hampshire PO9 2AX

Dear Sir / Madam

Your Ref: APP/16/00471
Re: 209 London Road, Cowplain, PO8 8ER
Proposal: Change of use to C2 (Care Facility – etc)

We feel that a built-up residential area such as this is not the most suitable location for a group of 11-18 year old autistic children. Due to the fact that they have a need to "let off steam" which is quite frightening to neighbours they would surely benefit if situated in a less populated area.

We have only lived at this address since September 2012 but we understand that this care facility located at 209 London Road has been operational for least a year before that and possibly even longer. Certainly when we were in the process of purchasing this property, hopefully for a quiet retirement, we had no knowledge of its existence. Why are the owners only now seeking retrospective permission?

It is quite upsetting to us and our visitors when these young people scream and shout when playing in the garden which is literally a few feet away. This usually goes on most afternoons after school – from 3.30pm onwards – weekends and all holidays.

During our first year here, various items such as stones, shoes and a metal tent peg were thrown over our fence. Following discussions with the then manager a bamboo screen was erected on their side – please see photograph enclosed.

I have also enclosed a sketch indicating the position of the various play equipment which is located on our nearside boundary.

There are two other points we wish to mention:

- 1 Should we wish to move again we would have to mention in the sale particulars the existence of a care home on our boundary and this could have an effect on the value of this property.
- 2 The application only mentions 4 children but subsequent applications could request an increase and the site is certainly large enough for expansion.

I would of course be prepared to discuss this matter with members of the committee or council officers.

Yours faithfully,



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209 LONDON ROAD

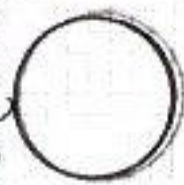
GARDEN/
SEATING AREA

4 GARAGES

GARDEN/
SEATING AREA

Nº 4 KENDAL
CLOSE.

BOUNDARY FENCE



TRAMPOLINE



SWINGS

GENERAL PLAY
AREA

TREES / SHRUBS
BOUNDARY FENCE



10/08/2016
BAMBOO FENCE IN GARDEN OF 204 LONDON RD
AS SEEN FROM GARDEN OF 4 KENDAL CLOSE

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10/08/2016
BIBBOD FENCE IN GARDEN OF 209 LONDON RD
AS SEEN FROM GARDEN OF 4 KENYAL CHURCH.

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News

Eyesore neighbours da

Overgrown gardens and garish curtains next door can knock £10,000 off home value, study says

By Katie Morley
CONSUMER AFFAIRS EDITOR

HOMEOWNERS who sneer at their neighbours' hideous curtains or their tacky garden gnomes may feel vindicated as a display of bad taste could knock thousands of pounds off the val-

ue of their own house, according to a report.

It found that properties up for sale near homes with ugly fixtures and furnishings are worth an average of £10,000 less as a result of potential buyers being put off.

Having a good neighbour could add up to £37,000 to the value of the average house in Britain, which was worth £211,230 in May, the study by Prestige Home Insurance found.

The vast majority (92 per cent) of UK estate agents said having a bad neighbour can have a serious negative

impact on the value of the houses around them.

Neighbours who are noisy, unfriendly or have an untidy or weed-filled garden, spark the most complaints. Factors such as an overgrown front garden, poor upkeep and items left on the lawn outside can bring down the value of the house next door by 8.2 per cent, or £17,321 on the price of an average house, estate agents calculated.

Other sights that can hinder neighbouring sellers' chances are unsightly external buildings in garish colours, and fixtures such as stone cladding or

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