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Dear Sir

24 May 2013

Planning Application EP/61/13/NMA
Electric Gates & Railings at Beltane Close

We object to this application on the grounds that the late addition of electric gates and railings is too large an amendment to be submitted as a 'Non-Material Amendment' and should be treated as a full application. It certainly is not in keeping with the existing bungalows in the Close (these have a restriction on the height of their front walls) - nor is it in keeping with the Village Design Statement.

Furthermore:

1. The original plans allowed open use of the Area of Play.
2. Strattons advise that the gates are to be set back 'one car's length' to allow for waiting time. A refuse/delivery lorry is three to four times as long as an average car, so if the gates are closed (or fail to open), this would certainly intrude into the road. One assumes that there would be a 'fail-safe' mechanism for if/when the gates break down in the closed position?
3. In view of the extreme narrowness of the Close, it is important to maintain clear entry/exit/access at all times, particularly in regard to emergency vehicles. Even earlier this week, a badly parked delivery vehicle blocked the Close and we were left waiting for over 10 minutes.
4. The proposed height is considered to be intimidating, particularly with the proximity to the road. From about that area, down to the entrance to the Close at Manor Road, there are no facilities for pedestrians. Some residents have electric buggies. How safe is this? When Stratton's site is fully occupied, there will be times morning/evening when the traffic will be heavier; there are now four new entry/exits at the bend for existing residents to deal with.
5. What plans have been made to repair damage to the Close? The heavy and very large lorries delivering materials to all of the sites (Globe, MJH, Worthing Homes, Strattons) have caused considerable damage - kerb breakages, damage to grass, lots of holes, filled-in channels, broken BT manhole surrounds. The entrance to the Close is a mess; the road is a mess.

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We understand West Sussex Highways will repair all damage in Manor Road. As residents, we were given to understand that before any of the Contractors started work, it was agreed that all of them (four) would together repair damage to the road in Nursery Close when all work was finished. As Strattons are now nearing the end of their Contract, the time is approaching for this to be planned.

Please reject this application for the many reasons given. We feel that Strattons would be best advised to return to the original intention of a low brick-wall opening as shown on the photograph attached to the fencing of the site.

Yours faithfully



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