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Orchard Garden Resident

25/10/17

Planning Reference R/210/17/HH

Retention of Wooden Gate and Raised Bed Planter

I am writing to express my objections to the above application for the following reasons:-

- 1) The deeds for the houses clearly state that the front gardens are to be left open plan and that would have been in the file and pointed out when the house was purchased. The layout of the gardens and the openness of the front has influenced existing homeowners in the Close to purchase their properties and the existing gate and planter on the boundary is **out of character** with the rest of the Close and brings down the desirability of the homes.
- 2) The homes on Mill Lane with front fences and gates face onto the road and their front garden fences have no direct affect or relevance to Orchard Gardens. It is a completely different road they face onto where other older houses already have existing wall and fence boundaries from built and therefore has no direct relevance in my opinion on this application.
- 3) No other house in the Close has fence or gates surrounding their gardens and those erected in the past without permission have been removed after objections. (I am aware that another house outside the Close has also erected a fence without permission and that they too are making application).
- 4) The planter / gate serves no purpose other than aesthetics as access to the front of the house by the residents can be observed taking place through the gap in the hedges at the side of the garden rather than through the erected gate.
- 5) There is concern that should the gate be left open as has happened on occasion since being erected that there is a loud banging as it swings that can be heard in other residences.

Thank you for the considering my objections.