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Re: St Mary's Close amended development plans

Dear Mr Easton,

Having seen the amended proposal for the St Marys Close plot, I would like to re-state my objections to them. The relatively minor changes, removing the garage blocks from the front, making one into an integral garage and placing the other behind plot 1, do not address any of my original objections. And, in my view, the way the developer has had to shuffle the houses around to make way for the new garage arrangements makes the row of houses look even worse, with even less space between them. In particular moving the plot 1 garage block to the back of the house has brought it even closer to my boundary.

I have lived in St Mary Thatch for forty years, and appreciate changes will be made in the area, but for four houses to be proposed for that site, not only appears excessive, but, may I say, greedy.

As the buildings are along my entire boundary they will not only create a seemingly solid bank of houses, with precious little space between each one, but more importantly, all of them will overlook my home, the proximity of which is even closer than the original building of St Mary's Close.

I attended meetings with Mr Hartnett, the first with my elder son, when it was verbally promised that my boundary fence be re-established to its original position. This naturally pleased me.

At other meetings, with Hurst Road residents, I noticed how the plans had been cleverly designed to appear less dense than they actually are. One only has to look at the eaves, and the cunningly shaded areas, to see just how close they will be in reality.

It has been suggested that the only opposition to the plans, at these meetings, was the concern about parking in Hurst Road. This is not the case, however, as the major concern was, and is, in fact, the surprising number and position of the buildings.

Surely three houses would be more acceptable to everyone (other than the developers, of course!) than squeezing in 4 large properties.

When building is finally done, after all, it will be those of us living here that will be left with the legacy of the developer's rather selfish plans.

Yours Faithfully,

Melanie Beales

