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Dear Sir/Madam

Re Application Number SMD/2021/0514
90, Coleridge Drive
Cheadle

There are some factors that I would like to bring to the attention of the Planning Department regarding the above proposal. I have huge reservations/concerns about the visibility issues the wall will cause. When leaving my property, which is at a right angle with 90 Coleridge Drive under the current proposal with the wall parallel to my drive, there are two potential traffic hazards:

- 1) I will have greatly reduced visibility and thus the ability to see/anticipate oncoming traffic
- 2) Traffic turning into Coleridge Drive will not be able to see me manoeuvring off my drive and will have minimal reaction time to stop or give way if need be.

If the wall were to take the line of the existing boundary wall and follow that line to the pavement on a slant, that would provide a greater degree of visibility, which although not ideal, would be much safer for all parties.

As it stands in the proposed plans, I fear that insufficient risk assessment has been carried out, resulting in building works which will create a hazard and could result in serious injury or worse. This section of Coleridge Drive is at the ingress to the whole horseshoe and as such is an extremely busy thoroughfare. I can only imagine that this is the exact reason why the developers planned the layout in such a way with greenery when the houses were first constructed, as the angles at which the properties are built necessitate a degree of openness to ensure visibility for all parties.

The lack of visibility is not confined to oncoming traffic, but also to pedestrians, people with disabilities, those with young children and prams and unaccompanied children, all of whom frequently take this route and walk along this pavement daily.

I would urge planners to consider the implications of this proposal and to take actions to ensure that visibility is maximised so that all stakeholders are kept safe.

Many thanks for your attention to these genuinely grave concerns.

Yours faithfully

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