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I am writing concerning the above mentioned planning application.

I live at The Gables on Donkey Lane and so the amendments are of concern to me.

The application requests an acoustic fence around our property, removing part of our hedge. Since the development began, and a lot of the hedgerows have been chopped down, the amount of birds that we have living in our garden is enormous. There are literally hundreds living in the hedges. This is one reason that I feel our hedges should be left alone. The damage that has been done to the wildlife for the sake of more houses is, in my opinion, disgusting.. Secondly the developers were allowed to keep the road so close to our patio that our privacy has been invaded so I feel that they should be told to put the fencing outside of our hedges without touching them.

The next point that I would like to raise is the outside of the hedges. On the original planting drawing there were shrubs and hedges planted all around the property. If these were to remain the fencing would be protected as we will be unable to access it if it got damaged by footballs.etc.

Lastly there were originally hedges planted down Donkey Lane on the original drawing which have now been removed. I have spoken to all of my neighbours, and they feel exactly the same, that these should still be planted for the sake of the wildlife and also they would be a lot more attractive to look at than ugly stark fencing.

I would welcome someone from planning to visit my house to discuss the points raised.

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