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Submission: Objection

Comments: I wish to make an objection to the proposed amendment. When the development began in January 2021 it became very obvious that the new spine road was far too close to our boundary. According to the submitted plans there was supposed to be shrub planting outside of our hedges and then a 1.8metre footpath. This was not the case. Instead there was only 2metres, at one point, between our patio and the roadside kerb. A meeting was arranged between Peter Holker from Persimmon, Julie Howard and Wayne Chell from the planning department and ourselves. Peter Holker admitted that only the perimeter of the field had been measured and not our plot and that was the reason it was so close, He also acknowledged that the measurement between Donkey Lane and the new road showed a discrepancy. He was not willing to move the road and so that is why he proposed to leave our hedges alone, install an acoustic fence around the three sides adjacent to the field, remove the footpath as there is not enough room, and to move plots 1-5 further away. This was agreed by all parties on site and was sent in writing to the planning and ourselves. When plot 5 was built it was once again obvious that it was too close to our boundary. in summer 2022 persimmon came along with chainsaws and destroyed our hedge next to the new house. I went out to object, not only because of the destruction, but also because they were destroying birds nests in the middle of the nesting season. At that point I was told to 'go inside or else they would destroy our hedge and leave us with nothing'. There was nothing I could do and our hedges have been left an eyesore. The fence was installed just enough to sell house number 5 leaving us unable to use our patio because the noise from the road was unbearable. When we spoke to persimmon about finishing the fence we discovered that Rachel Simpkin had not only refused to allow us the rest of the fence, but also to remove what had been erected. We raised an official complaint and the decision from Neil Rodgers was that he would instruct Persimmon to liaise with us about an acceptable resolution and install the rest of the fence. Jumping forward 13 months from this decision and we are still waiting for the fence which shouldn't even be in the amendment application as we already have in writing that it should be installed. We have had our outside amenity ruined as the road is too close We have also discovered this week that Rachel Simpkin has told persimmon that they should fit the complete footpath,even though it is impossible to fit along with a fence without destroying more of our hedges which we do not want . In conclusion, Persimmon have been allowed to destroy a lot of peoples homes and amenities for the sake of profit, and the planning department have allowed them to do it. The amendment should not be approved until Persimmon have met with every family affected and come to a satisfactory conclusion for all parties.

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