

## APPLICATION 23/01836/RMAM

We have examined the landscaping and maintenance area plans and note that the latest plans show a landscaped buffer strip and maintained area of varying depths along the whole of the site boundaries with Private Drive and Avondale Lane (and indeed other boundaries of the site), with the exception of the area directly to the rear of our home, Oak Tree House on Avondale Lane, which is adjoined by Plots 33 and 34. See clip of the plan below.



In addition to the lack of a landscaped buffer between our home and the development, which is something we have requested in submissions to previous versions of the plans, the plans also indicate that not only are the developers not proposing to retain a maintained landscape buffer between our home and Plots 33 and 34, the plans indicate that the existing hedge between our home and Plot 33 (which I personally planted on my side of the original fence which used to demark the boundary with the development site, over 25 years ago) is to be trimmed back and reduced by the developer. Instead of enhancing the landscaping in this location, the existing landscaping is to be reduced by the developer (even though the developers don't own the hedge) risking damage and the loss of this important established hedge which is a home to many different types of birds (including some rare breeds) and other wildlife and must be protected.

Furthermore, the inclusion of even a relatively small landscaped buffer in this area, to match the rest of the boundaries, would enable the retention of the mature (15m+ height) tree close to the boundary of Oak Tree House with Plot 34 (see photo below).



If the inclusion of a landscaped buffer is considered to reduce the length of the gardens of Plots 33 and 35 to an unacceptable level, these Plots could be relocated slightly further to the south, retaining the same length of garden and reducing the impact and loss of privacy on our home, which has 13 existing windows including a first floor balcony on the elevation facing the development. Relocation of Plots 33 and 34 slightly further south, combined with the

addition of the landscaped buffer to match other boundaries, would be a definite improvement on the existing proposals from a privacy/overlooking point of view and should in our view be included prior to approval of the plans.

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