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Katie Smyth
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Dear Katie Smyth

Application No. 23/00568/FLH - 84 Hookfield KT19 8JG

The Society has viewed the documents and has objections about the application.

The description of the proposal is for the erection of a 1.83m high fence along the western boundary of the site.

There remains objection to this proposal which is similar to the one refused under officer delegation in August 2022 and about which the Society commented (objection) in June 2022.

The drawings accompanying the application do show a new fence situated 3,500mm from the house wall which is about half-way between the house and the western boundary of the site.

There is therefore a variance between the written description and the graphical presentation. This should be clarified before considering the application.

The proposal, if granted and implemented would be at odds with the design and layout of the site location which has been respected since its development in the late 1950's. The style is an open front design to all properties of Lindsay Close of which the applicant property forms a part. The



design intentions of openness have been respected with no built features of walls, fences, hard structures or heavy shrub planting.

In Epsom there are other developments of around the same period into the 1960's notably Mospey Crescent and Burghfield having the same open style development. The designs have been maintained. This application, if granted would usurp that. Furthermore the Environment Character Study make reference to the pleasant open front style of this area.

The proposal would be particularly visible and incongruous upon passing in Hookfield itself and entry to Lindsay Close. Upon exit from Lindsay Close the juxtaposition of the proposed fence on the boundary with No1 Lindsay Close would look particularly awkward by its projection forward of the building line.

I feel the strapline of the Society "Shaping the future, safeguarding the past" is particularly relevant here. Refusal is requested to this application.

Yours sincerely

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Cc Ward Councillors

