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Application 3/2025/0364

Dear Ms. Cullen,

PLANNING APPLICATION 3/2025/0364: RETENTION OF SAFETY FENCE, LONGRIDGE CRICKET CLUB, CHIPPING LANE, LONGRIDGE

I write in response to the Local Planning Authority's request for additional landscape management information relating to the existing boundary hedge that fronts the public footway.

The hedge forms an important part of the visual screening for the approved safety fence. It currently stands at approximately 1 metre in height; however, it will be managed to grow and be maintained at a minimum height of 1.8 metres. This will ensure that the hedge provides an effective and continuous screen, reducing the visibility of the fence from the public realm and helping the boundary integrate more sensitively with its surroundings.

The hedge will subject to a formal cut no more than twice per calendar year, typically during the late summer and again in early spring if required. In addition to the further pruning will take place as necessary on an ad hoc basis. These operations will be limited to light shaping and height control to maintain the minimum 1.8 metre height, encourage healthy growth, and retain a dense habit. No cutting will take place during the main bird nesting season unless necessary for safety and only following appropriate checks.

This management regime will be applied for the lifetime of the development to ensure that the hedge continues to fulfil its screening and amenity function.

I trust the above satisfies the request, but please let me know if any further clarification or details are needed.

Yours faithfully,

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