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FAO Emily Pickup

I am writing to formally object to the proposed installation of a ball stop net along the wall of the cricket club [REDACTED].

While I understand the intention behind the proposal, I believe the impact of such a structure would be disproportionate and harmful to the character of the area. The net would significantly spoil the view [REDACTED], which is an important aspect of [REDACTED] and enjoyment of where we live. A prominent net would be visually intrusive and out of keeping with the appearance of the village, turning what is currently an open and pleasant outlook into something far less attractive.

Although it has been noted that cricket balls have occasionally come over the wall, this is not a frequent issue. In my view, it does not justify the installation of a permanent and visible structure that would negatively affect the surrounding environment for residents on a daily basis.

I would also ask that the following points be considered:

- The proposed net would harm the visual character of the area and detract from the village setting.
- It could set an unwelcome precedent for similar structures, gradually eroding the open and traditional feel of the locality.
- There may be an impact on neighbouring property values due to the change in outlook and appearance.
- The structure could give rise to additional maintenance issues, including wear, damage and noise from movement in high winds.
- Less intrusive alternatives should be explored, such as improved playing practices, repositioning of play or smaller-scale measures.
- The Cricket Club should reserve funds to pay for any damages caused by cricket balls

I fully appreciate the role the cricket club plays in the community. However, any changes should be balanced carefully against the impact on nearby residents and the wider character of the village. By having a permanent structure [REDACTED], obstructing the views and creating noise during high winds will only cause a further breakdown on relationship between the club and local residents.

For these reasons, I respectfully request that this application be refused.

Thanks,

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