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Dear Sir/Madam,

I write to make comment on the above application in relation to land off Hawthorne Place, Clitheroe, BB7 2HU.

The issue of the SW boundary of this development has already been an issue in relation to the developer moving the boundary fence after approval. This matter has since been rectified by planners for which we were very grateful. At the time this matter was resolved, the planning officer suggested that the buffer zone be planted with native hedging, as opposed to the Laurel offered by the developer.

This plan has now been submitted with Laurel proposed, does this mean that the planner's suggestion has been discounted by the developers? If this is the case I would wish to object to this choice of vegetation on the grounds that it is not a native species, is invasive and has poisonous berries. I would presume that the planners have put forward the suggestion of native hedgerow as previously stated, so has this been ignored by the developers and if so on what grounds, cost maybe?

Hedgerows have been removed here, as have native trees and vegetation that supported much wildlife, since development commenced wildlife has been disrupted and displaced. We would ask that native hedgerow be planted in this area in order that this wildlife be encouraged and supported to not only remain here but thrive as had done previously.

I was also alarmed to see that this Laurel hedge would be allowed to grow to 5 metres and struggle to see why this would be part of a plan so close to residential properties and gardens. If existing neighbours allowed a hedge to grow to this height between properties it could be cause for dispute, I therefore fail to see how it would be acceptable to plan this in as part of a new development. There are much more wildlife friendly and more compact lower growing alternatives readily available, it is frankly incomprehensible and I would trust that planners will challenge this on behalf of residents?

I would ask that the above comments be registered against this application but that the following question be answered by planners in order to clarify and reassure residents in relation to the future of the landscaping plans here.

There is a very detailed plan of how and when all aspects of this landscaping will be maintained. What is not mentioned and is not clear is who will actually carry out this maintenance, will it be a private company and if so how exactly will the funds be provided/collected to fund this? Or will this maintenance be carried out by the council and paid for in council taxes? If it is a private company, how will this be policed going forwards, who will check if this plan is implemented in the coming years and indeed decades?

Thank you for taking the time to both read and consider these comments,

Yours sincerely,

