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To: 1) The Chief Planning Officer
And 2) The Chair of the Planning Committee
Adur District Council, Shoreham, Sx.

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Dear Sirs,

Re: Unsightly Alterations & Destruction of Landscaping on the B&Q/Next Site by Holmbush Roundabout.

As residents of Kingston Way (opposite the site) we sadly lost our country views and gained congested traffic & noise when the Holmbush complex was built, under strict controls, some 15 years ago.

Assurances. There have been losses and benefits. However, residents were assured by the Council that the developments would be reasonably harmonious - and in accord with the previously rural setting.

Indeed:-

① The Roof-tiles of Tesco's, M&S, Waduns & B&Q were all traditional & the roof shapes barn-like.
② Excellent landscaping with trees & bushes surrounded all of these buildings.

Infringements and Disfigurements. ('NEXT' Development).

However over the last few months major changes have occured to the Roof-line & shape of the new NEXT store. Shrubs & Trees have been rooted out systematically & the site "industrialised" with unsightly black board.

No Notification. ① Residents opposite were not approached for their views on ~~what~~ what was presumably a planning

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matter concerning the shape, materials & style of the roof.

2 Similarly no notification was given — nor feedback sought — over matters such as A) increased traffic to the Roundabout which is already congested — or B) the wholesale destruction of the landscaping.

Enforcement. (1) Since we have already had our neighbourhood down-graded by the original development (which at least was done with consideration to the 'whole' with a unified landscaped setting), can you please reassure us that following the period of construction a) the landscaping will be returned & enhanced with mature specimens and b) that the final design of the building will not have an "industrial" look to it — out of keeping with the neighbourhood and the existing buildings.

(2) Can you also explain why there was no notification of neighbours whose views are affected — and what the Council intends to do to make sure that our concerns are addressed — if not in an enforced manner, then as a binding commitment which shows courtesy to neighbours.

Thank you for your attention to this matter at your earliest convenience.

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