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Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Neighbour
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Stance:	Customer objects to the Planning Application
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Reasons for comment:	- Design - Highway Access and Parking - Loss of General Amenity
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Comments:	I wish to object to this planning application on the following grounds:
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Firstly, the proposal would result in the loss or significant reduction of the existing footpath provision along this section of the road. This is a matter of serious concern in terms of pedestrian safety. The road is already relatively narrow and experiences regular traffic, and the removal of a safe, separated walking area would likely force pedestrians into the carriageway.

This concern is heightened by the existing layout of the street. Opposite the current footpath is a continuous solid brick wall, meaning there is no opportunity for pedestrians to step aside or find refuge if vehicles are passing. Should the proposed development introduce a wall or barrier at the front, pedestrians would effectively be trapped between two solid boundaries with no safe passing places. This would create a situation where individuals-including children walking or cycling to and from local schools-could be placed in immediate danger when vehicles approach.

The current arrangement, which includes a walkway set back from the road and informally protected by planters, provides a practical and effective buffer between pedestrians and traffic. Its removal would materially increase the risk of accidents and reduce the usability of the route for vulnerable users.

In addition, this road is already known locally to present safety issues. Concerns have been raised with the council on multiple occasions regarding vehicle speeds, damage to parked cars, and incidents involving animals being struck. The road is frequently used as a shortcut or bypass route, contributing to higher traffic volumes and speeds than would otherwise be expected for a residential street. These existing conditions further increase the risk that the loss of a safe pedestrian route would lead to accidents.

Secondly, the design of the proposed frontage appears out of keeping with the established character of the surrounding area. The modern style and layout do not reflect the prevailing appearance of neighbouring properties, which could have a negative impact on the visual cohesion of the street scene.

In summary, the application raises significant concerns regarding pedestrian safety and design compatibility with the local area. I respectfully request that these issues are carefully considered and that the application is refused or revised to address these points.
