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To: NCC - Planning <Planning@newport.gov.uk>

Subject: Planning Application 26/0029

Dear Newport City Council Planning Committee,

I am writing to object to Planning Application 26/0029 (Beech House, 21 St Mellons Road) regarding the proposed lowering of the boundary wall and the retrospective change of land use.

My objection is based on the following grounds:

1. Long-standing Nature of the Boundary

The wall in question is not a recent addition; it has been a permanent and established feature of the local area for a very long period of time. It serves as a definitive boundary that has existed for decades. Lowering or partially removing a structure that has been in place for such a significant duration is unnecessary and disrupts the established layout of the street.

2. Security of Orchard Close

The wall provides a vital security barrier for Orchard Close, which is a private road. Residents of the Close rely on the height and solid construction of this wall to maintain a secure perimeter. By lowering the wall, the site becomes more exposed, significantly reducing the security and privacy of the private road and increasing the potential for unauthorised access.

3. Safety and Retrospective Impact

As this is a retrospective application, the impact of these changes on the safety and traffic flow of the original opening should be carefully scrutinised. The wall currently acts as a clear divider; reducing its height changes the physical dynamic of the entrance in a way that may not be suitable for the current volume of traffic on St Mellons Road. Furthermore, the original planning for the site development was granted based on the shared driveway and one entrance, to add an additional entrance goes back on this original agreement.

The wall should be maintained at its original height to preserve the security of Orchard Close and respect the long-standing boundaries of the neighborhood. I request that the committee refuses this application and requires the wall to be kept in its original state.

Yours faithfully,

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Orchard Close