



13th March 2019

Mr James Gellini
Planning Officer
Chichester District Council
East Pallant House
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Dear Mr Gellini

Re: PS/19/00216/DOM. The Burrows, Plaistow Road, Ifold, Loxwood, RH14 0TU

Plaistow and Ifold Parish Council make the following comment.

The Parish's emerging Village Design Statement states that frontage boundaries should be post and rail fencing, or of this type and native hedging to complement the Parish vernacular.

The proposed insertion of a closeboard fence, behind the existing willow fence, and the insertion of laurel bushes between the closeboard and willow fences is not in keeping with the surroundings and creates a complete physical barrier between the property and the street scene. The Parish's Village Design Statement aims to keep the settlement of Ifold rural; this type of solid urban close boarded fencing and Laurel hedge conflicts with this aim. Additionally, the Laurel hedging is not native planting and likewise conflicts with the Village Design Statement.

If the Officer is minded to approve the application, the Parish Council would request a condition requiring the planting of native hedging, rather than Laurel.

Yours sincerely

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Clerk to Plaistow and Ifold Parish Council

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