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To whom it may concern,

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Please find information below providing reasons why we agree with the proposed changes that Harron homes have submitted which include not putting in steps and creating a green area.

I have to say that firstly I am very disappointed that local councillors have written strongly worded letters and created social media posts about their concerns about the proposals and urging the council to reject the proposals. This does not speak for all residents and definitely does not speak for us.

It seems this campaign is being used by both local councillors and residents to voice their dissatisfaction with Harron Homes and RMG as a companies rather than this specific issue of the steps.

Having looked at the comments made during the consultation- it is clear to see that most people are angry with Harron Homes as a company and would potentially not even benefit from the steps but are using this as an opportunity hit back at Harron Homes and historical gripes they have had.

The steps would only benefit a small number of properties on Dryden Way but would have a larger impact on the estate in general.

We agree with the proposed changes of a green space and no steps for the following reasons:

- the steps have not been in place for the past 11 years. This has not had a detrimental impact on house prices, pedestrian access or the successful sale of houses on the estate. It has in fact had a positive impact and reduced the number of spaces for people to 'hang around and smoke' on which is what is seen on other steps on the estate.
- the steps will be unlit, steep and provide a health and safety risk rather than using the already established pavements and roads. They will not be gritted or cleared in winter and provide a further risk to pedestrians
- any significant construction work in this area could disturb the stability of the gabion walls which are at the back of Wadsworth and Dryden. This will have a bigger cost and impact on the houses who are affected by this and would be at a cost to the estate.
- the building of the steps would provide access through a gate to the gabion walls which are at the back of properties- thus creating a security risk. Our property has been previously broken into and a car stolen- this increased access to our property would provide further risk.
- this could provide drainage issues which have previously occurred in the estate particularly on the properties below the gabion walls- a green space would help with drainage and promote local wild life
- we are aware that properties by the other steps on the estate have had people in their back gardens as they have climbed over the wall. This would potentially happen if the steps were in place in this part of the estate
- the steps would be a space on the estate where people could gather and there is a risk of anti social behaviour, increased litter and damage to neighbouring fences. This has been seen in other estates in Lindley including the Blackthorn Estate.

- this could form a dog walking area which is then full of dog faeces which again is seen in other alleyways in the area.
- houses around the other steps in the estate have had to take action to prevent people walking on their gardens and driveways as this has increased the number of people walking past causing damage to neighbouring gardens.

As far as sustainability is concerned, residents have been used to walking on the already established pedestrian routes on the estate of the past 11 years.

Lindley is an area which has seen massive influx of new builds that have reduced the amount of green spaces in around Lindley. This has negatively impacted on the villages biodiversity- a new green space would partly resolve this and is something the estate should invest in.

This green space could be made safe with a locked gate at the top and bottom to prevent access. The green space could then be managed by RMG and wildlife and plants could thrive.

We hope that all viewpoints are considered when the consultation is completed and that the impact on neighbouring properties is given a high priority.

Regards