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Dear Mr Merriman,

Ref: Application Number 2026/62/90666/W (Retaining Wall at 56 Heaton Road Huddersfield)

I write to comment upon the above planning application.

1. A new vehicle drive has been provided without a dropped kerb. If you look on Google Maps StreetView dated July 2021 you will see no vehicular drive or indeed dropped kerb. Just a pedestrian gate with hedges & trees. No planning consent has ever been provided for this dropped kerb now or previously.
2. Gradient of this new vehicle drive is so steep that rainwater runs off into the adopted road causing further pressure upon the adopted drainage system therefore contributing to localised flooding. No drainage system like a channel drain is not detailed on the planning application.
3. Retaining wall to the front garden is above 1m than high therefore a danger. There is an Infant & Primary School located on Heaton Road a few yards down and therefore small children & mothers in prams are walking to school and will not be visible by vehicles exiting this new drive
4. The finished ground height to the front garden is considerably higher than previously. This has caused overlooking issues & loss of privacy issues. There is no site levels data provided on the planning application for before & after. Again, looking on July 2021 Google Maps Streetview image you can see finished ground level has increased by approx. 1.5m and maybe up to 2m.
5. The retaining wall is not keeping with local area. There are no blockwork walls. Lots of pebble dash rendered walls, drystone walls, sandstone walls, red brick walls etc but no blockwork.
6. There is an increased surface area of hard landscaping to both the front & back of 56 Heaton Road. Again, this will increase localised flooding.

7. Looking on the planning portal, there is a planning application for a conservatory for this property. No conservatory has been built. Many of the conditions of this conservatory application have been willfully ignored.
8. Considerable damage has been caused to trees & other flora. Roots to a mature tree to the rear of 56 Heaton Road have been cut resulting in an unstable tree at risk of falling down. This is a danger to users of the woods and neighbouring properties. This tree is outside the boundary of 56 Heaton Road so I assume consent was not obtained.
9. The planning application makes no mention of assessment for birds nests or bats. As you are aware, it is illegal to disturb birds nest during nesting season and to carry out work without assessing for bats.
10. With regards to the retaining wall, I am unsure where to begin. To be brief, no evidence of building regs approval or detailed drawings so by default not safe. To my untrained eye, I cannot see movement joints, no weep holes, no back-fill, no geotextile membrane, no erosion control, no wall ties, no rebars, no backfill, no water pressure prevention works and not keeping with the local area. This is definitely the wall that Jack built but wearing a blindfold and with one hand tied behind his back. This wall is hideous. I do not understand how the residents are not embarrassed by such a monstrosity.

Your sincerely.

