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Design & Access statement

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Introduction

The proposal to change the front lawn area to a hard-standing surface suitable for use as additional car-parking has come about from the lack of parking in Lavender Close, and the narrow width of the existing driveway.

The side of the road adjacent to my property, which is the only suitable space for additional parking at the end of Lavender Close, has space for approximately 4 small to medium sized cars. These spaces are currently shared by at least 15 properties covering the end of Lavender Close and also residents in Ivy Walk (Ref. SharedParking 1.0)

During the evenings and weekends the complete side of the road is mostly fully used by existing residents in Lavender Close & Ivy Walk for their own cars & vehicles. We are often left with no choice but to park on the road in front of our house blocking access to numbers 28 and 30 Lavender Close. This proposal will provide an extra parking space on our property and also allow us to park 2 cars a suitable distance apart to enable opening the car doors wide enough for loading baby car seats, pushchairs & such accessories.

Proposal Details

Materials

We propose to re-surface the front lawn area with a hard-standing surface identical to the existing driveway which is tarmac. A gravel border will run along the front and side of the house for drainage purposes. The existing hedgerow on the edge of my property boundary will remain as it is, so not to affect the visual look of the area from the road. (See figure 1.0 Existing Layout, and figure 1.1 Proposed layout)

Design

There will be a 12 inch perimeter border running along the front of the house and a 6 inch border running along the side of the house to provide drainage for any rainfall running down the house walls. This will be laid with gravel. The existing hedgerow area running along the property boundary will remain untouched to provide additional drainage and also to serve as an aesthetic feature masking the hard-standing surface behind it, keeping the look of the property unchanged when viewed from the road.

The area affected by the proposal currently has a gradient that slopes away from the house into the existing boundary hedgerow and into the road where there is a drainage hole immediately opposite. This gradient will be maintained in the new proposal. Any new surface water will run either into the gravel perimeter surrounding the house, the existing hedgerow or the drain hole immediately opposite my property.