9 Stanborough Mews Welwyn Garden City Hertfordshire AL8 6DB

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Dear Development Management

Number 9 Stanborough Mews would like permissions to do some hard landscape at the front of our house.

I understand that our house falls under estate management, which means that we need to request permission for any work that we do.

We would like to request permissions to change our front as our plans suggest

Reasons

- a) To keep a consistent look in the Mews. Our house is the only house with a large grass and soil area ,and this looks less tidy than the other houses on the mews. The rest of the houses have a mixture of hard landscape and soft landscape borders. In the mews where houses have larger frontage, they have larger hard lanscaped areas. We are the only house that currently doesn't.
- b) Our street (The Mews) has a no parking clause in the private street agreements, which we adhere to, and support, this extra area of hard landscape will allow us to manage our vehicles more effectively, keeping within the private Mews agreements.
- c) We are finding it difficult to get our double pram in and out of our house with our garden the way it is. We have 6 month old twins and need to be able to wheel the pram in and out of the house. Currently our path leads to our driveway. When a car is parked there we cannot get the pram out of the house easily.
- d) We purchased this house as we saw the potential to change the front of the house like the others in the Mews, it is a 5 bedroom house and we have 4 children, one of them will be getting a car next year and we would like to accommodate our rise of vehicles as well as enabling easier access with our two babies.
- e) Every other house that has large frontage in the mews has their front as hard landscape.

Adhering to the Estate Management regulations

 We plan to keep plants and bushes to divide our boundary with our neighbours and to retain the character. Our neighbours both to our left and right are happy with our plans.

- Our hard landscape will keep within the look and feel that the Mews has, and we are happy to
 provide photo's to evidence what the Mews looks like. We are the only house that has not
 adopted a particular look and feel.
- We plan to keep areas of soft landscape, and to improve the visual appearance by planting more flowers and greenery in line with the rest of the mews

Not in accordance

- We plan to make slightly more than 50% of the soft landscape hard, but this is for the following reasons
 - o To allow easier access for our twin pram
 - To allow for an increase of vehicles
 - To enable our frontage to be of a similar high standard of appearance like the rest of the
 Mews

Our front changes will allow for water drainage and all of this has been considered in our plans.

We look forward to hearing from you in the very near future as we are hoping to commence this work at the earliest convenience once agreed with yourselves

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