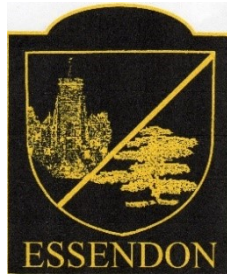


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## **6/2021/2816/HOUSE - 53 High Road, Essendon**

Essendon Parish Council met on the 13 December 2021 and discussed the above application. We strongly object to the proposal the purpose of which is clearly to enable parking directly off the busy High Road onto the frontage of the dwelling. We suspect that, should the application be approved, the front boundary will be removed to facilitate this parking, turning the area into an unsightly car park. While this may be convenient for the owners, it will be a private benefit gained at the expense of the public realm and the amenity of the village. It will blight the village and cause harm to the character or appearance of the Conservation Area.

Front boundaries in a variety of traditional materials (e.g. picket fencing) and hedging are an important feature of the Conservation Area helping define boundaries and create semi-private buffer frontages. To remove these features will cause identifiable harm to the Conservation Area and the street scene contrary to national and local policies. In addition, there may well be an issue of cars then reversing back out onto the High Road, which is now a very busy through road, which we trust the Highways Authority will have noted and objected to.

We would urge the LPA to commission a Conservation Area Character Appraisal as soon as possible so that LPA determinations are fully informed.

We strongly object to this application.

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