

**The comments of the Manor Park and Hempstead Fields Residents' Association**

**1. Design and layout**

- a. Sustainability - the Association supports the redevelopment of the site and congratulates the applicant on the high standards of sustainability and accessibility that the design incorporates.
- b. Elevations - Whilst it is appreciated that the exterior appearance of the houses echoes that found on Sussex barns it is felt that there is such a predominance of black that it makes the development quite sombre and not in keeping with the local urban environment.
- c. The flats - although the design and colour of the flats echoes the appearance of two existing houses further up London Road it is felt that this design is out of keeping with the rest of this development.
- d. Topography - residents of Lime Close expressed concerns, at the consultation stage, that their homes would be overlooked by the new development, however it appears that this concern has now been addressed as shown on page 90 of the Design and Access Statement. If the levels shown in that document were to change the Association would wish for these concerns to be taken into account.
- e. Potential antisocial behaviour - the Association considers that providing pedestrian entrances via steps from the High Street will result in late night revellers using this as a short cut through to Southview Drive. This could give rise to disturbance to the residents of the new development.

**2. Landscaping**

- a. Sensory garden - discussions with the previous Head of Housing encouraged the Association to believe that a sensory garden would be incorporated within the development.  
Such a garden to be accessible to all, not just the residents of the Streatfeild development, would be an asset to the community in north Uckfield, supporting the aims of the Wealden Dementia Alliance and of Uckfield to be a 'Dementia Friendly Town'.  
Unfortunately, the sensory garden has been omitted from this application and the Association encourages the Council to require that this valuable facility be included in the development.
- b. Grass embankment facing the High Street – concern has been raised that the continuity of this important green vista will be broken by the construction of two flights of steps. This will have a detrimental effect on the appearance on this part of the High Street and there will be an associated impact on its natural ecology.

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