

Mr. D Crosby
42 Springfields
WGC,
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AL86XN
22nd Feb 2017

Ref : 6/2016/1982/EM

Head of Planning
Mr. Colin Haigh
Council Estates Management Scheme

Dear Head of Planning:

This letter is to file my official appeal against the decision to refuse permission to allow a new replacement black door to be fitted to our home.

Our application was submitted on 10th October 2016 after careful consideration, following the Estate Management guidelines.

The reason for refusal states;

The proposed alteration to the colour of the front door would be detrimental to the appearance of the subject property, the surrounding street scene and the values and amenities of Welwyn Garden City; contrary to EM1 of the EMS.

Upon reading the EMS policy and trying to understand the decision made, I'm concerned that the policy is not being used consistently around my local area of Hanside, or in fact within the greater area of Welwyn Garden City.

Detrimental to the subject property.

Upon walking and driving around the area of Springfields, Handside and surrounding streets, I have made a comprehensive list of all the houses, which have a non-white door, ranging from dark blue, green, black & red. These have been like this for many years and

they have NOT had a detrimental effect on the area or the values of the amenities, in fact I believe they have increased the look and feel of the area, in a positive light.

I have included some photos taken on 23rd Feb 2017 to illustrate my observations.

The surrounding street scene

Again walking around the area of Springfields, Handside etc., I can see numerous scenes of negative appearance. Ranging from pot holes, untidy council tenant gardens, spoilt grass verges and damaged kerb stones etc.

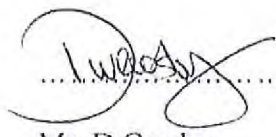
I merely want to better my home, in both the overall appearance of the house, but also increase the security of our home. The new composite doors are more secure and require little or no maintenance.

I am also aware that numerous new building projects within the Welwyn/Hatfield area have been given authority in the past to have black front doors fitted. (I have attached several photos regarding my observations).

This decision must have been granted by the planning department of the WHC. In light of the previous decision made, I feel that the council is treating me differently too many other residents within the same area, who already have colored front doors, or have purchased a brand new home with a black door.

I would like to be present to put my case forward to the EM appeals panel. Please can you confirm receipt of this letter.

Sincerely


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Mr. D Crosby

Sam Dicocco

From: Dwc3402 <dwc3402@ntlworld.com>
Sent: 23 February 2017 13:18
To: Planning
Subject: Appeal against decision re Ref 6/2016/1982/EM

To Head of Planning.

This is formal notification of my appeal against the above application.

Please see the attached files

1. Letter of formal application to appeal the decision
2. A small portion of photos of the area clearly showing various houses with coloured front doors. They include houses along the street where I live and surroundings street.

Some of the photos are of new build houses which would have been given authority through WHC Planning Dept. for them to have **BLACK FRONT DOORS**

Please can I receive receipt of this appeal in writing within 7 days.

Regards

Mr D Crosby













