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Dear Mr. Haigh

Application No. 6/2019/1328/EM

Thank you for your letter dated 13th August 2019 outlining your reasons for the refusal of the formation of a hardstanding. I would like to express my disappointment in your decision to refuse my application and put forward my views in appealing your decision.

As a recent resident to Kirklands, I find it almost impossible to park during the day and over night. This is due to residents from Knightsfield and staff from the local primary school taking up valuable parking spaces. As a result leaving me no choice but to park up at the local shops in the Shoplands car park. There is also the ongoing issue during school drop off in the morning between 8:30 am and 9:10am, 11:45 -12:15 lunchtime, and after school pick up between 3:00pm and 3:30. There are always cars parked along the grass verge in front of the residents' houses in the street. This problem is not only inconsiderate to the people who live in the street, but it is also a danger to children/school children crossing the road. Due to the narrowness of the road I am surprised that a one-way system is not employed on this road.

I recently have spoken to several of my local neighbours' to ask if they had any objections to my request of a driveway. None had any objections and all were in favour of me having a driveway. I feel having a driveway would make the road much safer as other cars would no longer be able to park up on the verge, therefore, reducing any risk of danger.

We currently have two cars and when we retire in the near future we were considering buying an electric powered car and reducing to just one car. Unfortunately to do this, I would need off street parking with a charging point and currently, this does not appear to be a viable option. Electric powered cars are becoming increasingly popular and are environmentally friendly.

I am writing to ask you to re-consider your decision. I appreciate how you want to preserve the hedgerow within the street. Following discussions/correspondence with the case officer I have made a number of alterations to the location of the proposed hard standing which retains the holly tree and avoids any possible damage to the hedge at the corner of the site. The opening has been relocated away from the corner of the site and the holly tree.

The revised drawings accompany this letter. The access opening in the hedge is restricted to 2.4m which I believe is in accordance with Policy EM4. Due to the topography of the site it will be necessary to construct a barrier parallel to the front hedgerow. The intention is to construct this barrier in the form of a hedgerow to give the impression when passing, of a 'continuous hedgerow'. Due to the length of the hedgerow and the proposed opening width I believe I am within the 50% limit retention of hedgerow.

I have also spoken to Harry Bower, my local Sherrards ward Councillor, who has agreed to consider the revised details.

I thank you for your time and attention regarding my application and look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Kind Regards,

Noel Shirran