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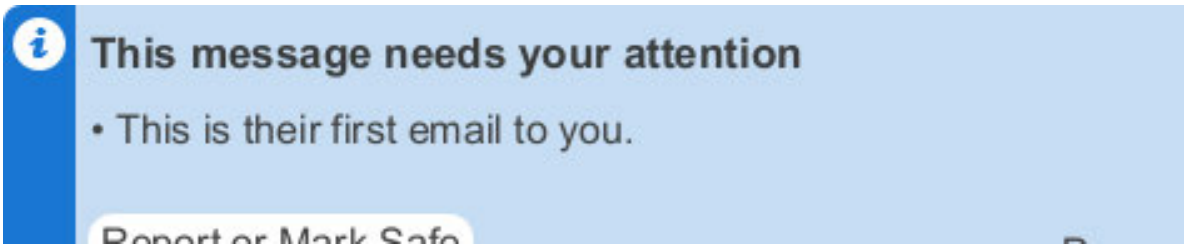

Dear Kate,
I am writing urgently regarding planning application DC/26/0355, which is due to be considered by the Planning Committee on Tuesday 3 November.

My property, Willow Croft, New Road, Southwater, directly adjoins the southern boundary of the proposed development.

I wish to draw your attention to our recently approved annexe (DC/26/1059, approved 12 August 2026), which is currently occupied by our family while renovations continue to our main home.

The annexe has first-floor accommodation, including a Velux balcony window facing directly towards the proposed houses and existing copse.

Given the proximity of the proposed dwellings, I am seriously concerned about overlooking, loss of privacy and the impact on our residential amenity.

As our annexe was approved after the developer's original application but before the October committee report, I would be grateful for urgent confirmation of the following:

1. Has our approved annexe, including its first-floor Velux balcony window, been included in the assessment of neighbouring residential amenity?
2. Have the separation distances and potential sightlines between our annexe and the proposed dwellings been assessed?
3. If the annexe has not been considered, how will this be addressed before Tuesday's committee meeting?

I am also concerned about the proposed treatment of our shared boundary, particularly the retention of existing trees and the provision of substantial, permanent screening.

I understand the applicant's Landscape Design Strategy refers to a native woodland buffer along the southern boundary. I would appreciate confirmation of how this will be secured and implemented alongside Willow Croft.

Given the imminent committee date, I respectfully request that these concerns are brought to the attention of committee members before they determine the application.

I will be submitting a separate formal representation through the planning portal.

Kind regards,

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