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Dear Mr Brent

With regards to Planning Application P/09/0635/FUL, we would like to state our objection to the alteration of the Designated Greenspace which is adjacent to our property.

We consider the Greenspace an important and essential amenity which also enhances the area, we object to its change of use and consider it a valuable environmental asset. Designated areas of Greenspace give the village character and ought to be reserved as such; it sets us apart from "New Towns."

It was until recently, an accessible area enjoyed by residents and children (including my own) for many years. It provided a safe play area where I could oversee my young children's safety as it is in full view of my front window.

There has been a lack of consideration on the part of the applicant as to how it has restricted our outlook; essentially it is like looking out onto a stockade! Furthermore it reduces the feeling of natural light and space the area radiated, simply it is aesthetically unsympathetic to the surrounding properties.

We are also very concerned about the large double gates this fenced construction features which are on the Wellpark Road, they are located in front of a dropped kerb and are directly across from residents driveways.

It is important to establish whether this is for vehicular access.

Wellpark Road is already a busy and at times congested road which is used for both residents in Wellpark Rd and Laurel Square and is also used as a shortcut to the main road.

The "before" photograph submitted with the application depicts an area which looks dilapidated and rundown, this is very misleading and is definitely not the case. Falkirk Council have been maintaining this Greenspace for decades, making it a lovely and well kept area for residents to enjoy and at no point has the grass on this land been unruly or unmanageable.

The applicant's actions demonstrate a blatant disregard for the landscape, residents and neighbouring community and therefore strongly object to this application.

Yours sincerely

A black rectangular redaction box covering the signature of Mr & Mrs D Symon.

Mr & Mrs D Symon

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