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cc Ward councillors

RE: PL/3356/25 The Cottage Hill Close

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Dear Ian Opolot

We were only notified on 3rd March 2026 and yet this was validated on 13th January 2026. We see the expiry is tomorrow which gives us enormous time pressure to respond and is unhelpful.

The quality of the information is poor such that it is difficult to judge the change in appearance and impact on the character of the conservation area. Perhaps validation could be improved for conservation areas to make an assessment easier.

The drawings do not adequately reflect the existing door and the proposed fenestration. What is proposed for the fenestration would be out of keeping to the design of the house and would not preserve or enhance the conservation area. Having a recessed porch such as exists currently creates a welcoming entrance and also casts shadows which assists with adding character.

As such it would be harmful to the Conservation Area and should be refused.

Yours sincerely

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