

Gosport Borough Council

By email only

30th November 2023

Dear Sirs

Re: Planning Statement for Application relating to Flats 1-29 Wickham Court, Gale Moor Avenue, Gosport. PO12 2TF

We ask that you accept this letter as our Planning Statement in support of the planning application to change the existing timber and metal balcony screens with new, toughened glass and satin finished steel handrail/posts design.



Photo of existing design

Wickham Court is a purpose-built block of 28 long leasehold flats, constructed circa 1967, having brick elevations under a concrete tile roof.

The original balcony design consists of a painted metal horizontal rails on a metal framework. Whilst sympathetic to the late 60's age of the building, the metalwork now requires extensive repair. The metalwork shows signs of corrosion, particularly at the base of the uprights, compromising the structural integrity of the balustrade and is now a Health & Safety concern.

Advice obtained from an independent chartered surveyor indicates that the balcony balustrades are not compliant to modern day Building Regulation requirements.

The flat owners have been canvassed on the change and support the change to the modern glass & satin finished steel design.



Photo example of proposed design

Thank you for your kind attention to this matter and please don't hesitate to contact me should you wish to discuss further.

Yours faithfully

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For and on behalf of Proxim Property Management as agents for Malcolm Carter & Susannah Segal as the Trustees of The Locker Foundation

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