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Re: Planning Application 3/2023/0058 at 5 Whalley Road, Read, BB12 7PB

Dear Sirs,

At a recent Read Parish Council Meeting a local resident alerted the Parish Council to issues regarding a [REDACTED] property's breach of planning regulations.

[REDACTED] brought forward issues surrounding the [REDACTED] 5 Whalley Road, Read BB12 7PB. Previously an application (3/2021/0800) had been made for a fence to surround the garage roof of 5 Whalley Road which had been refused. The application was resubmitted and approved with conditions (3/2021/1178) that the fence be changed to a Balustrade of clear safety glass within a stainless steel framework to two elevations of garage roof.

The resident advised the Parish Council that the glass balustrade was never erected and instead in May 2022 a solid wooden fence was put in place similar to the original rejected plans. Ribble Valley Planning department were contacted at the time and came back to advise [REDACTED] that the property was under new ownership and that the new owner was not aware of the planning condition. Since this time [REDACTED] advised he has contacted the planning department on several occasions as the fence remains in situ and is blocking light to [REDACTED] however he advises no actions have been taken.

A recent planning application (3/2023/0058) has been made which seeks to keep the 1500mm tall fence. In the original planning application the fence was to be 4 foot (approx 1220mm) tall. This was refused as The proposal is considered to be in conflict with policies DMG1 and DMH5 of the Ribble Valley Core Strategy in as much that the proposed fence, by virtue of its design and spatial layout, would have an overhearing impact leading to an unacceptable loss of natural light and outlook for the [REDACTED] residing at the property known as [REDACTED]. The Parish Council does not believe that a taller fence would be less obstructive in this respect.

[REDACTED] has advised that the new plans are misleading and seeks for the matter to be resolved as soon as possible after almost a year of having no light [REDACTED]. The Parish Council supports him in this regard.

Yours sincerely,

[REDACTED]
Clerk to Read Parish Council