

We had driveway gates and a wooden fence erected in March of this year. A few weeks later we received a letter from Ribble Valley Council informing us that a [REDACTED] complaint had been made in relation to the installation of a boundary fence and that a breach of planning control may have occurred. We have subsequently learned about the 1m height limit for fences at the edge of a road but were unaware of that when the fence was built.

We moved in to our house [REDACTED]. The garden and drive are at the side of the house. There is a low stone wall running along the front of the house and garden. The previous owners had planted a beech hedge in the garden which grows about 1.5m higher than the wall.

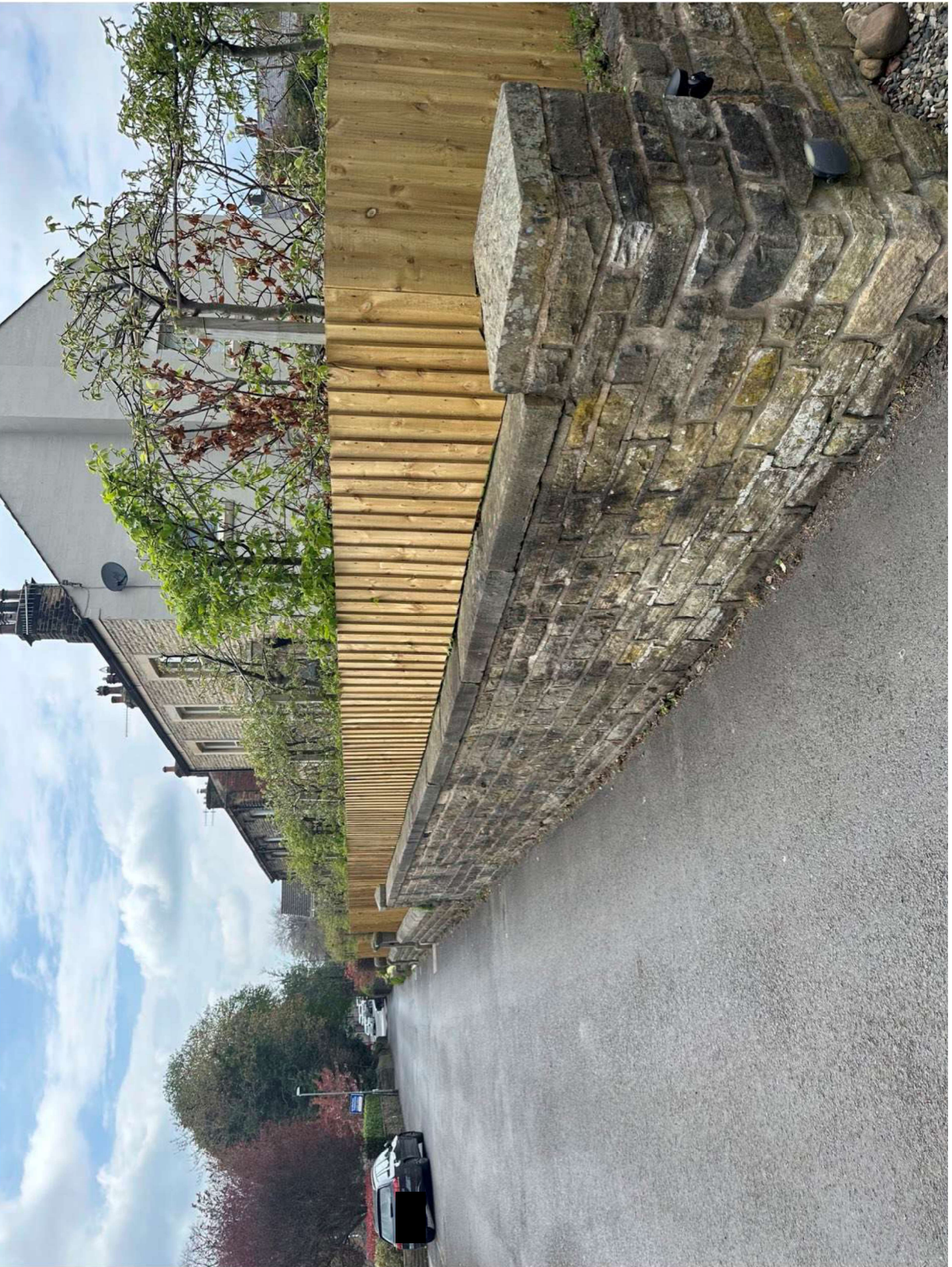
Brookes Lane is a cul-de-sac. It is a quiet road in terms of traffic as the only vehicles that pass up and down are those belonging to residents, delivery drivers or visitors/workmen. It has access up to Spring Wood so is regularly used as a pedestrian route by dog walkers, rambles and cyclists.

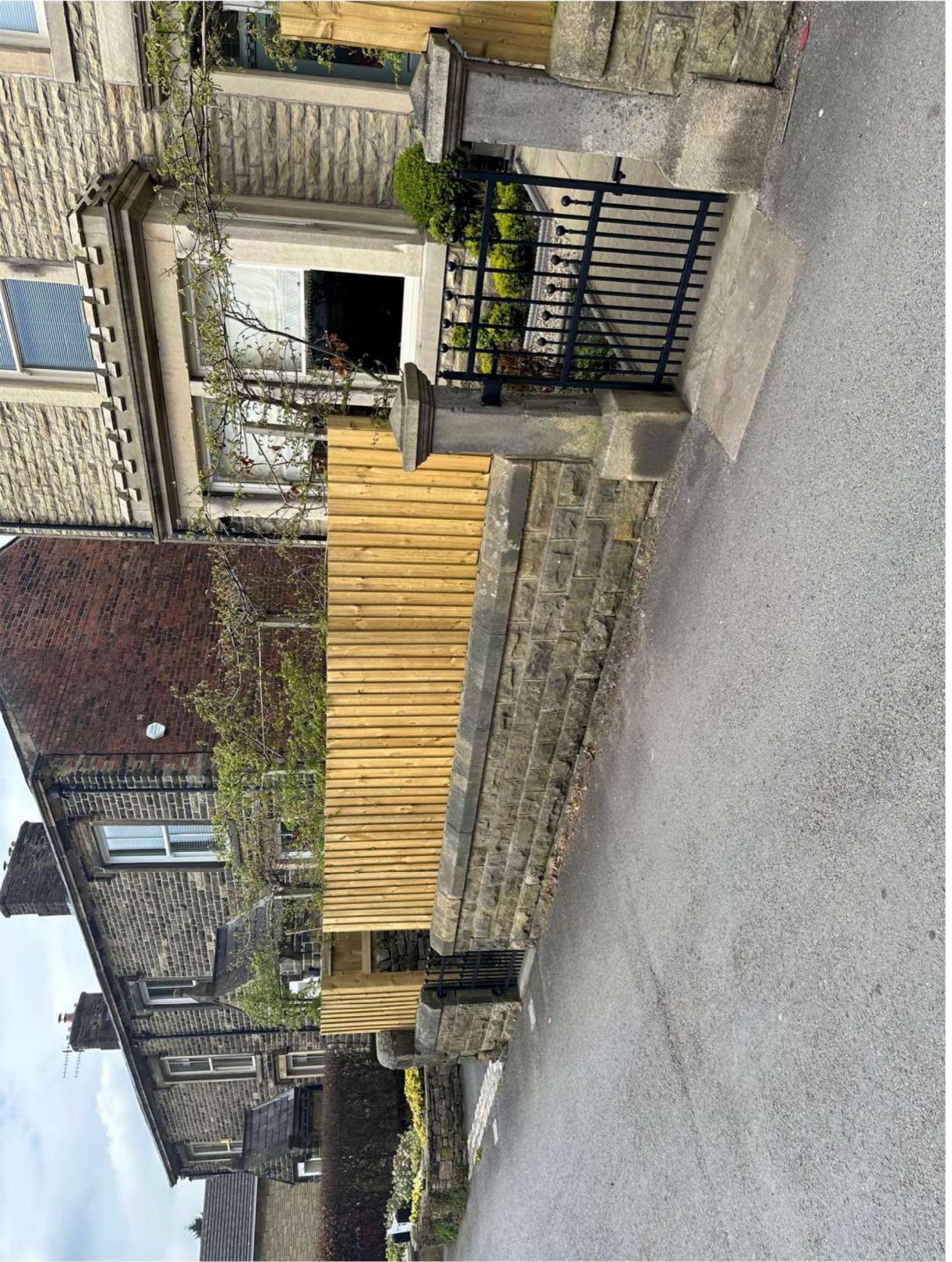
Since moving in to our house [REDACTED] there have been several instances [REDACTED] [REDACTED] (Brookes Lane) [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. This was very worrying for us which is why we had the gates and fence built. The fence is attached to our side of the stone wall and reaches up to eye level [REDACTED] [REDACTED]. The beech hedge protrudes above the fence. Since heaving the gates and fence built, [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

Upon learning of a potential breach of planning control, we have been in contact with Steve Maggs, planning enforcement officer. He advised measuring the height of the wall and fence at different points along its length because Brookes Lane is uphill and the height of the wall and fence vary:

Wall	Fence	Total height
107	54	161cm
102	51	153
120	48	168
78	93	171
82	98	180
86	81	167
91	88	178

We have also taken some photos of our wall/fence:

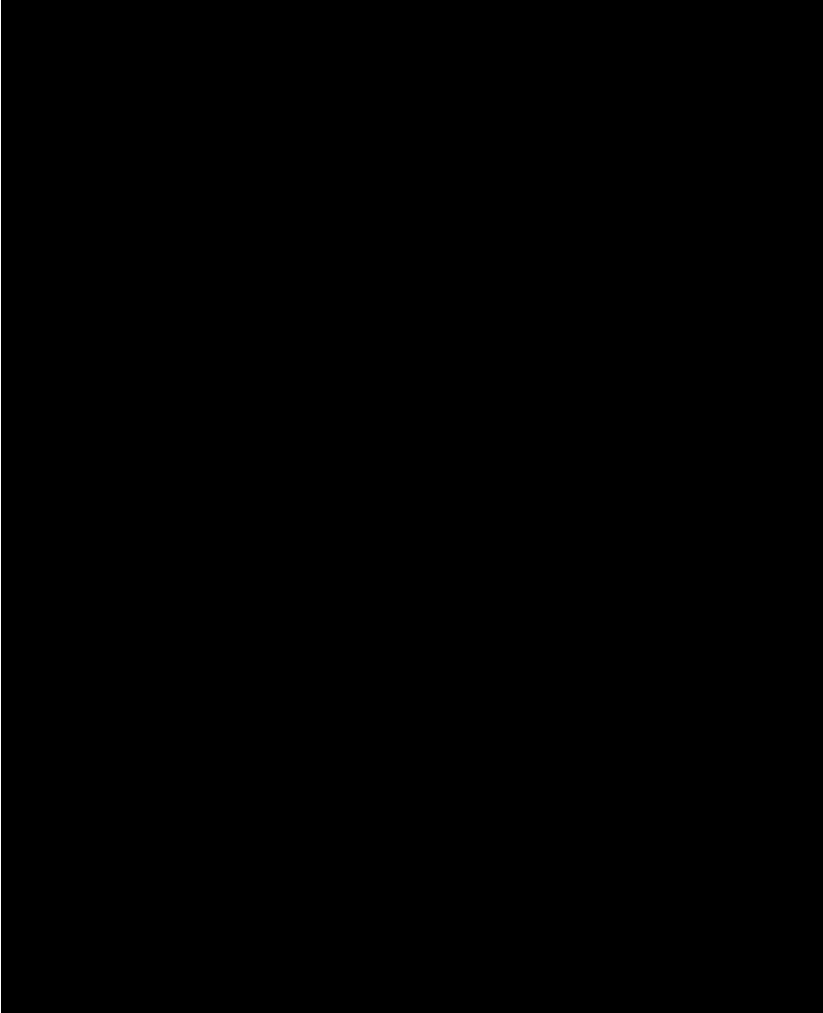




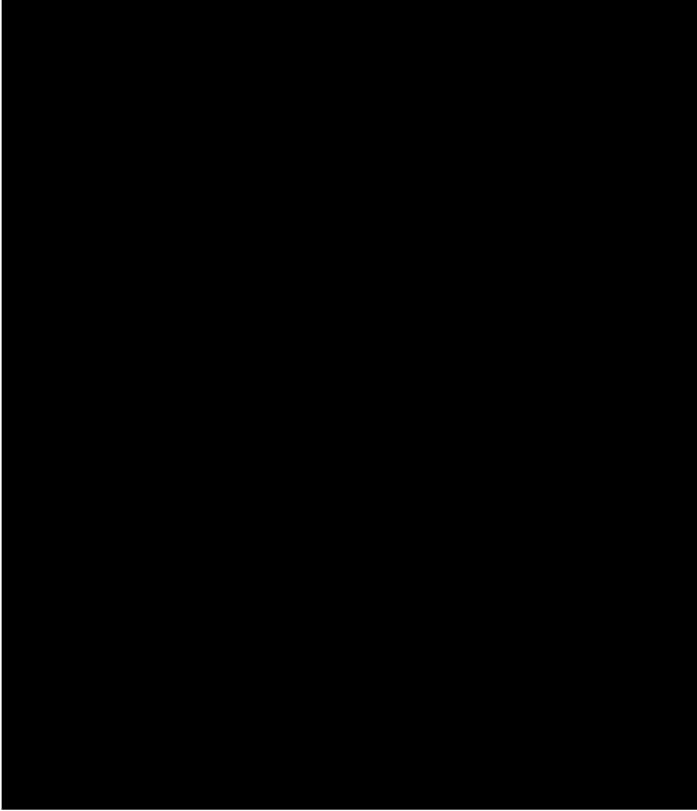


When we had the gates and fence built, we used a local joiner who attempted to match the appearance/design with the front boundaries of other properties on Brookes Lane. A number of houses have fences and walls which adjoin the road and are higher than our wall/fence. We have taken photographs of these.

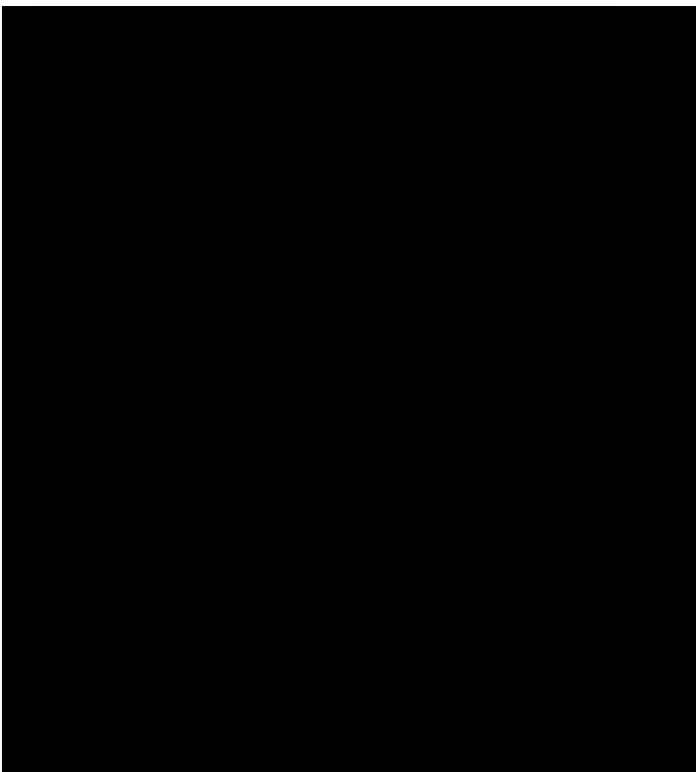
This wall is on our side of the road, upon entry to Brookes Lane



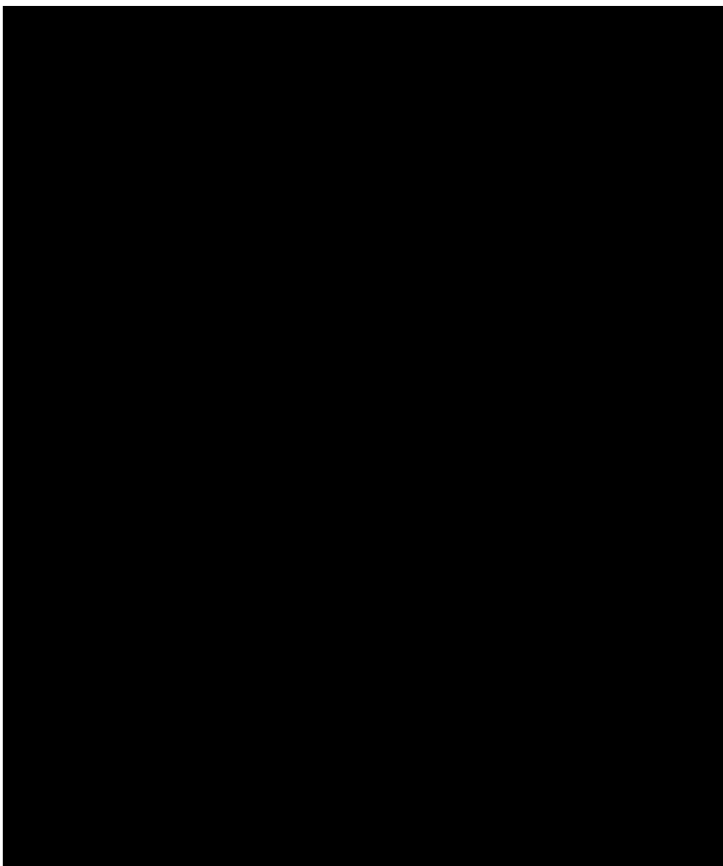
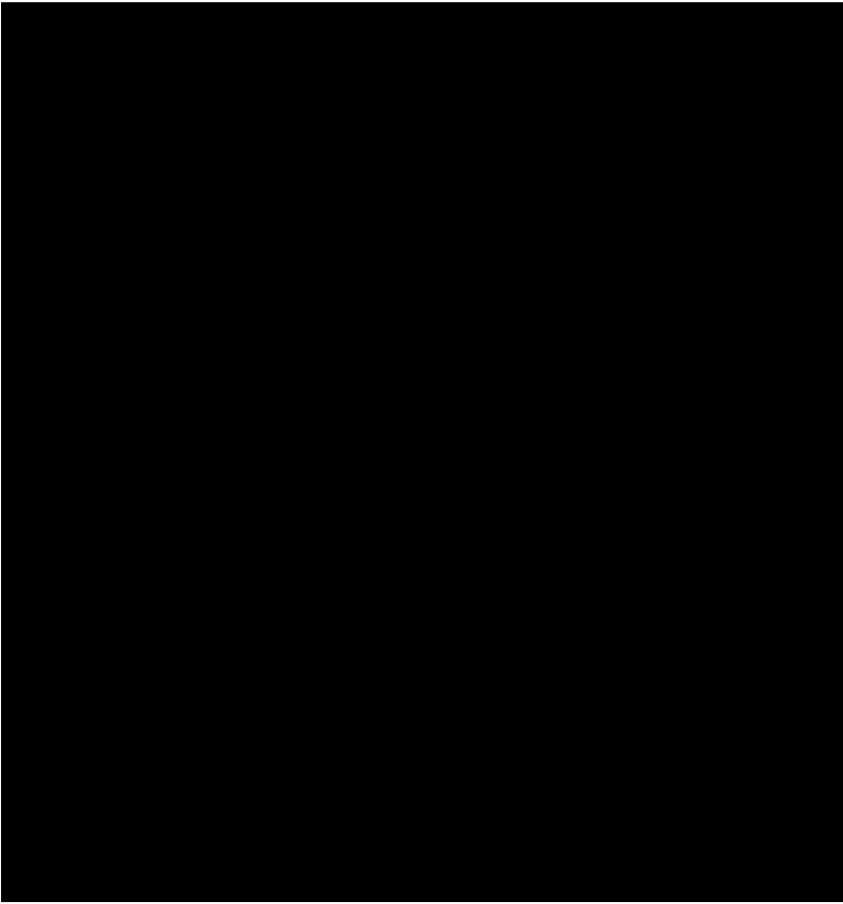
This fence is a little further up from our house, on the opposite side of the road



This fence is next to it



These fences were erected when the new houses were built at the top of Brookes Lane.



We were not aware of the "1m" rule when the gate and fence was erected and can only apologise about that. Now they are up we are really keen to keep them as they provide
[REDACTED] Certainly since installation, we
[REDACTED] The road is very quiet in terms of vehicle traffic and we feel the gates/fence are in keeping with the boundaries of surrounding properties.

Many thanks for considering our retrospective planning application

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