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Subject: Planning Appeal for Regularisation of Boundary Fence

Dear Planning Inspectorate,

I trust this correspondence finds you in good health.

I am reaching out to formally contest the decision concerning the regularization of the boundary fence at 2 Sunnyside Avenue, Wilpshire, BB1 9LW. On 08th January 2024, my client was informed of the denial of their application for a 1.9 meter-high boundary fence by the Local Planning Authority.

On behalf of my client, I seek to offer additional context and rationale for reconsideration of this decision. The proposed vertical close boarded arch top fence aims primarily to enhance safety, security, and privacy for both the public and the property occupants. Given rising concerns regarding pedestrian safety, privacy, and security in the area, a fence of sufficient height is imperative to address these issues effectively.

As evident in the attached photographs (Image 01 and 02), the previous boundary treatment was inadequate, posing risks such as falling from height, particularly for young children or the visually impaired.



Image 01: 2 Sunyside Avenue and Whalley Road Intersection



Image 02: Whalley Road, Wilpshire, Blackburn, BB1 9LW

The proposed fence design aligns with the surrounding aesthetic and minimally impacts the visual aspect of the neighbourhood, akin to properties along Whalley Road, as depicted in the accompanying photos (Image 03 and Images 04).



Image 03: Hollies Croft, 77 Whalley Road, Wilpshire, BB1 9LN, Hollies Road and Whalley Road Junction



June 2021



June 2022



August 2023



March 2024

Images 04: 83 and 85 Hollies, Whalley Road, Wilpshire, Blackburn, BB1 9LN

Constructed with materials complementing the existing architecture, the fence seamlessly integrates into the environment. To further enhance its character and appearance, I suggest treating the fence with an evergreen or dark brown stain (image 05).



Image 05: Proposed boundary treatment - Whalley Road, Wilpshire, Blackburn, BB1 9LW

Moreover, upon reviewing the Ribble Valley Borough Council Planning website, it appears no planning permission was sought for properties similar to those presented in this report. Notably, 83

Hollies, Whalley Road, Wilpshire, Blackburn, BB1 9LN, had a fence installed in June 2022 without undergoing the same scrutiny as my client's fence.

As someone experienced in making planning applications to various authorities, I was disappointed by the conduct of the Ribble Valley planning officer, who failed to engage in discussions regarding potential alterations to the fence or the utilization of planting schemes to soften its appearance. The Council's refusal to negotiate a suitable solution, as indicated in their decision notice, was equally disheartening.

Attached, you will find additional documentation, including architectural drawings and photographs, supporting my appeal and providing clarity on the proposed fence design and its implications.

In conclusion, I respectfully urge the Local Planning Authority to review my appeal and reconsider the decision regarding the boundary fence's height variation. I firmly believe that approving the proposed fence will positively contribute to the safety and well-being of the property and its occupants.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. I eagerly await your favourable response.

Yours sincerely,

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