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To whom it may concern,

We feel that a statement is necessary in order for us to respond and provide you with some context, after what has been presented by our neighbours to the Ribble Valley CC. I have attempted to keep this statement short and factual, with bullet point responses to the 2 objection letters you are able to access when considering this appeal.

Response to the objection letter dated 26 May 2025

- Our property has never been a 2 Bed house. It was built and bought as a 3 Bed property.
- Street parking is not limited. Most homes have drive ways or allocated parking.
- We only have 1 car which is parked on our drive.

Response to the objection letter dated 24 May 2025

- We utilised an architect and used correct and formal building regulations to install rear doors and the appropriate dimensions for internal boarding and fixings in the garage.
- We attempted several times to get the council (Environmental Department) and the neighbour to arrange a mutual meeting for the sound check.
- Our Application was denied without this check being organised.
- Due to the failure of the 2 parties (neighbour & CC) not organising a check of the sound, but planning permission still refused, we decided to use a professionally recognised and independent sound testing company (Martec Environmental Consultants).
- Ironically, the neighbour always parks on the road and never in her own garage.
- The gym will be used for personal use only, not a business.
- Since the original complaint in December 2024, the garage space has never been used at weekends for exercise or even when the neighbour is at home. We check if their car is present every time before use.
- The garage usually gets used for exercise for about 1 hour a day (weekdays) between 8am and 4pm and always when the neighbour is away from the property.

Further context of our situation

As I work away from home frequently a gym space at the home allows my wife to exercise while still being able to look after the children and assist her mental health. We are always considerate of others and do not want to live in an environment filled with animosity or bad feeling. We pride ourselves on being fair and honest people.

We hope this provides a balanced and honest account of our situation.

Yours sincerely,

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