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1st May 2012

Dear Mr Moore,

I would like to thank you for your letter dated 25th April 2012 regarding the retrospective planning application Ref – PA/2012/0452 Submitted by Mr & Mrs Chant.

Unfortunately we must take this opportunity to politely object to this application due to the negative effects it has had on some key aspects of my property and the wider community. I hope this letter will clarify my concerns and allow you to consider this application carefully.

The background to this application is important to this process. In 2007 we purchased our property as a retirement home. This choice was based on the outstanding views over bulls field, the historical church and the openness overlooking well maintained properties around the surrounding area and avenue.

Our property was in disrepair and required extensive renovation. This was done with adjoining styles in mind on the exterior of the bungalow and garden. The end result was the bungalow which complemented floorlessly with the surrounding area. Particular care was taken on the style of fence lines and Mr & Mrs Chant were consulted many times during this process as were Mr & Mrs Beverly (Number 15).

When it came to the fence adjoining Mr & Mrs Chants driveway we sought to complement the style of Mr & Mrs Chant existing fencing by selecting a 3ft open lattice style very similar to the one used on their property. It is important that you are aware that until this was installed no fence was present. The result (as seen below) was in keeping with the entire avenue and pleasing to the eye.



Image 1 – Fence in position
2008



Image 2 shows – fence is in keeping with surrounding properties 2008

With the background clarified I now wish to highlight the current application. In March of this year I came out of my property to find a fence being erected. This was a complete surprise and **not the first time** this has occurred. We understand that Mr & Mrs Chant are free to choose their own style but we have always made a point to consult out of courtesy before making any modifications. This brings us onto proposed application. Having read Mr & Mrs Chant's letter of application I wish to clarify their comments and indeed raise new issues that have been overlooked by Mr & Mrs Chant.

The main point on the application is one of privacy, with direct reference to a bathroom window. This window is not able to be viewed whilst in my property due to Mr & Mrs Chant's garage. Indeed it is only able to be viewed from the public footpath. (See Image below)



The window is in full view of the public highway and footpath. Mr & Mrs Chant have made no attempt to protect privacy from the general public. I can only assume that this is not a valid reason as the new fence is not ensuring any more privacy than was present prior to the new installation.

With regards to the second comment concerning the youths, this again is not the completely accurate. Since living in the property neither I nor my neighbours have had ongoing problems. The only significant incident that occurred was late last autumn on and around the **Halloween** period with some harmless door knocking to my property. This was the only significant event in the years we have been here, and with the help of the local community support officer the issue has been resolved. At

this time the support officer informed us that no other adjoining properties had highlighted or indeed reported any other issues. I feel disappointed that the local young people should be so stereotyped and made out to be some sort of trouble causing mob. If you wish this can be confirmed by contacting the local support officer.

The next point is one of the fence fitting in with the surrounding area. This simply is not the case and indeed around the entire town it is difficult to find properties that have large fences protruding at the front of the property adjoining another. The result when approaching our property from any direction can only be described as a complete eyesore. This has also been commented on by several other residents of the avenue and passers by.

The final point Mr & Mrs Chant raise concerns light restriction. I can assure you the access to my property is now in **permanent shade** during the day. To show this I include an image prior to the fence being erected to show the light and views we did once so enjoy.



It is vital that I raise with you one last point. Unfortunately to our distress we have **had several near misses involving members of the public** using the footpath outside our property. Whilst reversing the car due to the restricted view we have failed to see a lady with a dog walking until the last moment. The most worrying incident involved a **child on a cycle**. I simply cannot see clearly, road and path users early enough as cars tend to approach from the sharp bend at some speed. This fact is sadly out of my control but the fact that we were able to have an unrestricted view ensured safety. This has resulted in worry and now nervousness when reversing our car. I fear that if this obstruction (the new fence erected by Mr & Mrs Chant) is not removed the chances of an accident are increased especially in poor weather conditions.

I understand that people are free to choose the modifications to their property. However we only wish to enjoy ours as we have over the past years. This whole incident has caused us deep distress to the point where we question our future in the avenue. We would like to respect Mr & Mrs Chant's choice but taking into account all of the information above we respectfully ask that you decline the application and instruct Mr & Mrs Chant to restore the fence line to its former condition.

Yours faithfully Mr & Mrs Storey



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Ref -PA/2012/0452.

20th May 2012.

To Mr Graeme Moore

With reference to the Planning application PA/2012/0452 submitted by myself in relation to two fence panels erected between my own property 11 St Peters Ave and my neighbours property No 13 St Peters Ave .

I would like to take this opportunity to respond to Mr & Mrs Storeys letter dated the 1st May 2012.

I have carefully considered the points made by Mr & Mrs Storey and have endeavoured to see the matter from there point of view as well as my own . However I question the validity of there argument and would like to respond to each point raised .

The first point relates to privacy. Mr & Mrs Storey dispute that the fence provides us with any further privacy in relation to our bathroom window being viewed from the driveway of there property or from the public footpath outside .

Privacy in our bathroom has always been a concern to us as our bathroom window can be clearly viewed from Mr & Mrs Storeys driveway and also from the footpath . We have taken other measures to try and alleviate this problem , : ie fitting a different bathroom window , however we are still conscious that our silhouettes are on view . Contrary to Mr & Mrs Storeys claim , it is without doubt that the fence panels have stopped our bathroom window being viewed from there driveway and greatly restricted the view from the footpath . This has been a great relief to my wife and I .

In relation to the second point concerning youths in the area , Mr & Mrs Storey state there has never been a problem and quite insultingly accused me of stereotyping young people as some sort of trouble causing mob. I take exception to this comment Any resident who has lived in the close proximity of the Bull Field for any length of time would I am sure confirm there has been such problems in the past . I recall that PC O Neill of the neighbourhood policing team has been involved in dealing with this situation and would confirm that there have been such problems . I also wonder why Mr & Mrs Storey have fitted a CCTV camera to there property if they perceive there to be no problems in the area .

The third point raised by Mr & Mrs Storey is that the fence is a complete eyesore and does not fit in with the surroundings area . They claim that this has been commented on by several others residents in the Avenue and passers by . I find this hard to believe as this is totally contrary to comments I have received about the fence , which have been very complimentary . The fence is in no way an eyesore , it is expensive and tastefully designed and constructed to a high standard . I would challenge Mr & Mrs Storey to back up there with actual details of which residents and passers by have made these comments , otherwise there is no evidence to suggest these comments have actually been made .

The next point Mr & Mrs Storey refer to is that of light restriction , They claim the access to there property is now in permanent shade . This is simply not true , I have observed the daylight on there driveway for large parts of the day and am convinced the effect of the fence panels on this are negligible .

The final point made by Mr & Mrs Storey refers to the fence panels restricting there view whilst reversing there car from there driveway . I have examined this claim carefully and I am convinced that the distance between the edge of the panel and the footpath provides ample time for a clear view for a car being reversed at an appropriate and safe speed from the driveway . Mr & Mrs Storey make impactive claims relating to near misses involving members of the public using the footpath outside there property and make reference to an incident involving a child on a cycle . The fence has not caused me any problems when reversing from my driveway , and again Mr & Mrs Storey provide no evidence to support there claim , leading me to doubt whether these incidents have actually occurred .

The reason I did not discuss the proposed erection of the fence with Mr & Mrs Storey was that I have found them not to be receptive to such discussions , and have not spoken to me for almost two years .

I also note that Mr & Mrs Storey are requesting the removal of both fence panels . Regarding to this I refer you to an e/mail received by me from Mr Neville Dobbs , dated the 13th March 2012 . In this e/mail Mr Dobbs clearly states the panel closest to my garage does not require planning permission . Therefore this planning application must only relate to the second fence panel

I submit this letter for consideration and thank you for your assistance in this matter .

Yours Faithfully ,

Mr & Mrs Chant.