

Dear Sir/Madam,

Thank you for considering our application. We are seeking to gain retrospective planning permission to widen our existing driveway. Work did commence following incorrect advice given to us and we ceased work immediately on speaking with the Planning Enforcement Officer. We have spoken to our contractor and should retrospective planning permission be granted he would be able to complete the final days work within a week of being instructed.

We wish to complete this work to alleviate the parking issues on the Estate and have planned to sacrifice a small portion of our garden patio to achieve this. The road is a quiet no through road with minimal traffic and the proposed driveway will not impact any of our neighbours. We have ensured all materials used are in keeping with the style of the Estate.

We would like to make you aware of the steps we took in order to gain correct permission back in Spring 2019. We contacted Remus to ask if we could widen the driveway, following an email from them, advice was sought via various telephone conversations with the Highways department and Hampshire County Council, who referred us to Havant Borough Council. I gave my name, address and a description of the work to be carried out. I was advised that planning was not required and that I should obtain permission from the estate management company due to it being a Private Estate. Remus then gave written permission for the works to be carried out in line with our proposal to them and the only stipulation was that we could not remove the young tree nearby.

Unfortunately, we have no written evidence of the council employee's advice as it seemed to us a completely reasonable reply due to the estate being privately managed by Remus. There was also nothing in our written TP1 agreement or any other documentation that we have, pertaining to our property, which would suggest otherwise.

It was only following a complaint and then a subsequent visit from a Planning Enforcement Officer which highlighted the clause in the original outline planning permission for the development in 2013 to both us and our Estate Manager at Remus.

We hope we have been clear in our good intentions and include everything necessary to close this case and permit us to complete the work.

Thank you for your time and I look forward to hearing from you,

Kind regards

Gerallt Jones