

**34 Edgefield Grove, Waterlooville,
Hampshire, PO7 8NX**

24th September 2014

Ms Tina Pickup
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Dear Ms Pickup

Re: 34 Edgefield Grove, Waterlooville, PO7 8NX

Your Reference APP/14/00822

I write in connection with our current Application for Change of Use of part of our property from Amenity land to residential curtilage and in particular the recent objection posted by Ms Addy of Number 15, Edgefield Grove.

Firstly, the objection states that the proposal would “ruin the open nature of the housing estate by making the spacious pathway very narrow and hemmed in giving a corridor effect”. I find this objection peculiar as the fence line to Number 15, which is immediately opposite the path from our property, has itself been moved from its original position. I have checked the Deeds and the original fence line ran from the rear brickwork of said property to the rear boundary of the garden. However this fence has been repositioned hard up against the path edging for the entire length of the side elevation of the property, thereby enclosing the original portion of Amenity land. The original position of the fence line would have created a significantly wider expanse of “open area” than the small verge to the side of our property, as can clearly be seen on the site plan provided with our application. Significantly, I have also subsequently searched the HBC Planning Portal in respect of Number 15 and can find no evidence of a valid planning application for change of use of this portion of land, let alone the granting of permission.

Secondly, if the hedgerow to the side elevation of Number 15 was maintained properly, the existing pathway would be considerably wider. Since our application, was submitted, the hedge has been severely hacked back, however the hedgerow still currently overhangs the path edging by a good foot or more at some points. This considerably restricts the path for users. There are also large areas of the overhanging bushes which have no foliage and have the sharp branches exposed creating a significant health and safety risk to any path users.

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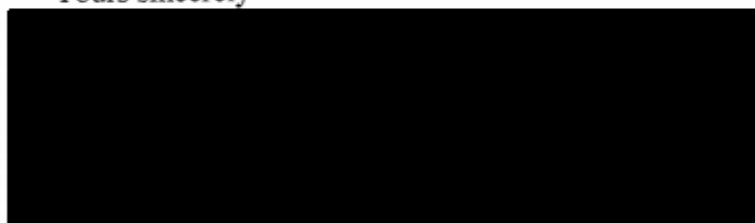
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The objection also states that the high fencing would be overbearing. This is also a peculiar argument as our proposed fencing is actually lower than number 15's existing fence. As per our discussions, it is also worth noting that the proposed fence does not exceed 2 metres and as such does not require planning permission in itself.

Finally, the objection states that "the path is regularly used by walkers / runners / cyclists / people with prams / wheelchairs / dog walkers etc" . Whilst the path is undoubtedly sporadically used by all of these users, the main use of this part of our land is as a dog toilet by seriously irresponsible dog owners.

I look forward to your decision in due course.

Yours sincerely

A large black rectangular box redacting the signature of Anthony D Sharp.

Anthony D Sharp (Mr)

Copy to: Ms Addy, 15 Edgefield Grove