

[REDACTED]

Subject: App/25/00958 26 West Street Ems

Dear Sophie Bebee,

I wish to formally object to the retrospective planning application for the erection of a boundary fence and gate measuring approximately 2.34 meters (7 feet 8 inches) in height.

1. ****Height Out of Character with the Terrace****

The proposed fence and gate are entirely out of character with the surrounding terraced properties, where boundary treatments typically do not exceed approximately 5 feet 5 inches. Their excessive height is visually dominant and incongruous, causing harm to the character and appearance of the area.

2. ****Excessive Height and Overbearing Impact****

At 2.34 meters, the fence and gate significantly exceed the 2-meter permitted development limit. Due to their height, solid form, [REDACTED] they create an overbearing and oppressive impact, resulting in an unacceptable sense of enclosure, particularly within a tight terraced environment.

[REDACTED]

4. ****Gate** [REDACTED]

A gate of the same excessive height has been erected [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Its scale and proximity block natural daylight, create an oppressive and enclosing effect, and result in a poor and harmful outlook. This represents an unacceptable and unneighborly form of development.

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

6. ****Obstruction and Narrowing of an Established Right of Way****

[REDACTED] There is a long-established right of way (easement) [REDACTED] with a lawful width of approximately 3 feet. The erection of the fence and gate has reduced the usable width of this access, shortened the route, and made it materially more difficult to use. The obstruction and narrowing of a lawful means of access is a material planning consideration [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

9. ****Cumulative Harm to Residential Amenity****

The height, scale, siting, and positioning of the fence and gate collectively result in loss of light, an overbearing impact, a poor outlook, adverse wind conditions, obstruction and narrowing of access, and visual harm to the character of the terrace. This is contrary to Havant Borough Council policies which seek to protect residential amenity and ensure that development is appropriate in scale, siting, and character.

****Conclusion****

The retrospective planning application represents an unacceptable form of development that is excessive in height, out of character, harmful to residential amenity, and improperly situated, while also restricting an established right of way. I respectfully request that planning permission be refused and that appropriate enforcement action is

taken to require the removal or reduction of the fence and gate to a lawful height and correct positioning.

