To Whom It May Concern

It is our wish that this document is used as a summary to be considered in decision making against our planning proposal under **DC/25/0493.**

Boundary History

The rear garden of the property runs parallel to the adjacent highway and pavement.

Since the property's construction in 1967, it has never had a solid boundary. A hedge was used instead, which provided minimal security and limited privacy. Over the past seven years, during which the property has been tenanted, the hedge and garden areas have become significantly overgrown, with vegetation encroaching on the building fabric at one end of the property.

The existing hedge has now been removed for two key reasons:

1. To enable the proposed extension to the property.
2. Following a drainage survey, it was confirmed that the hedge roots were causing damage to the main sewer line, raising a real risk of collapse if left in place. This issue was identified approximately halfway along the original hedgerow line.

Our Proposal

We are in the process of developing this property as our future retirement home. Outdoor space is vital to our wellbeing, and we are keen to create a garden that can be used for general recreation and potentially for growing organic vegetables.

As part of this vision, we propose to realign the rear boundary slightly, which would allow us to:

- Replace the original 10-metre hedge with a substantially longer length of mature hedging—between 20 and 26 metres.
- Erect secure fencing directly behind the new hedge line, providing the privacy and security that we believe all homeowners are entitled to enjoy in their rear gardens.

The proposed fence would be set approximately 1.5 metres back from the pavement, leaving a buffer strip of around 40 square metres between the highway and the new boundary line.

If the boundary cannot be realigned as proposed, we will be unable to replant the hedge due to the proximity of the main sewer, and would be forced to rely solely on fencing for security and privacy—something we feel does not meet the aesthetic or environmental qualities we wish to maintain

In discussion with our neighbours we have had nothing but support for our proposal with a general view that it will be nice to see it kept in good order.

Finally we would like it noted that we have provided evidence of at least 4 other boundary moves that have been precedented over recent years and our ask is only to follow what has already been done by other residents

Regards

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