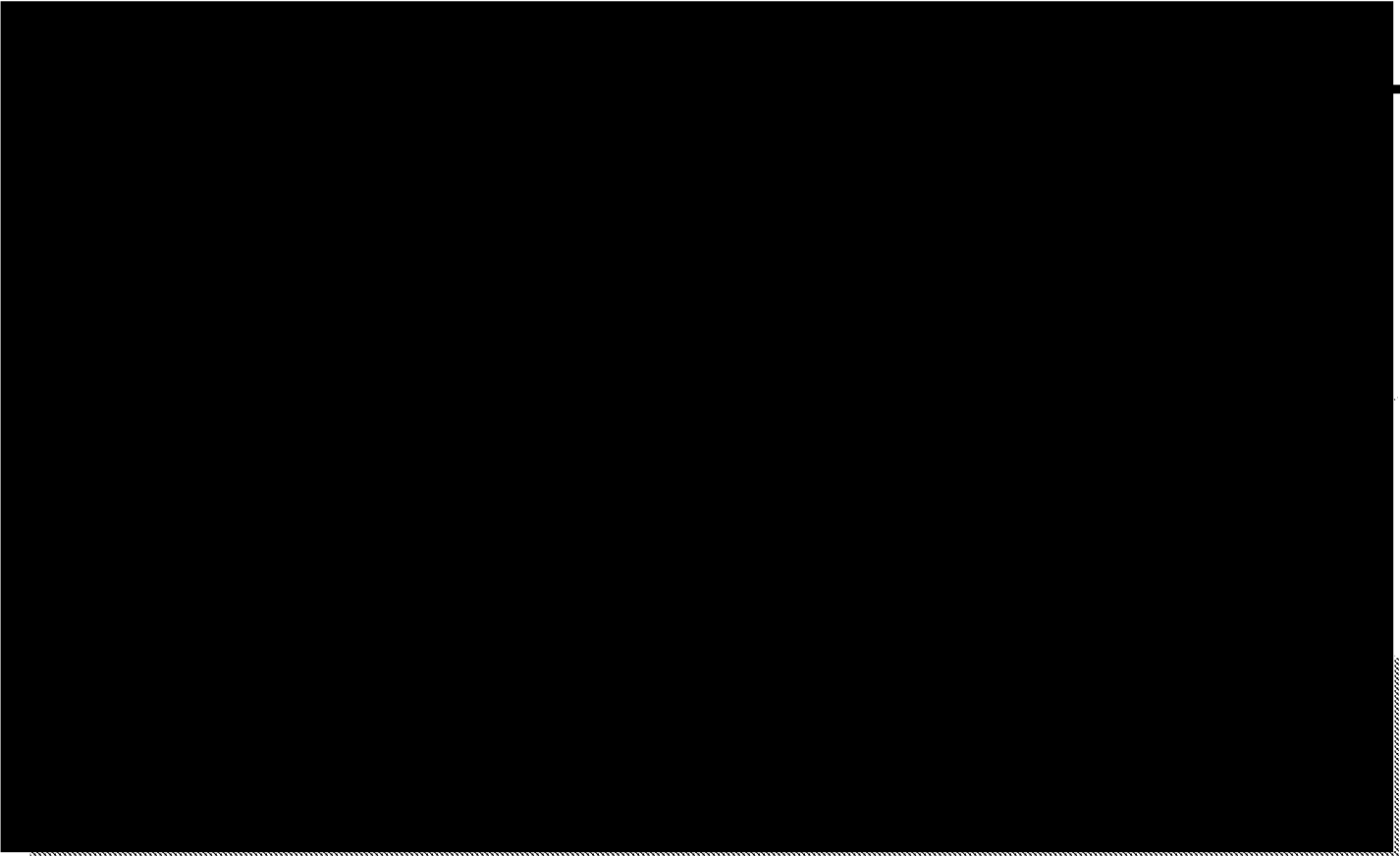




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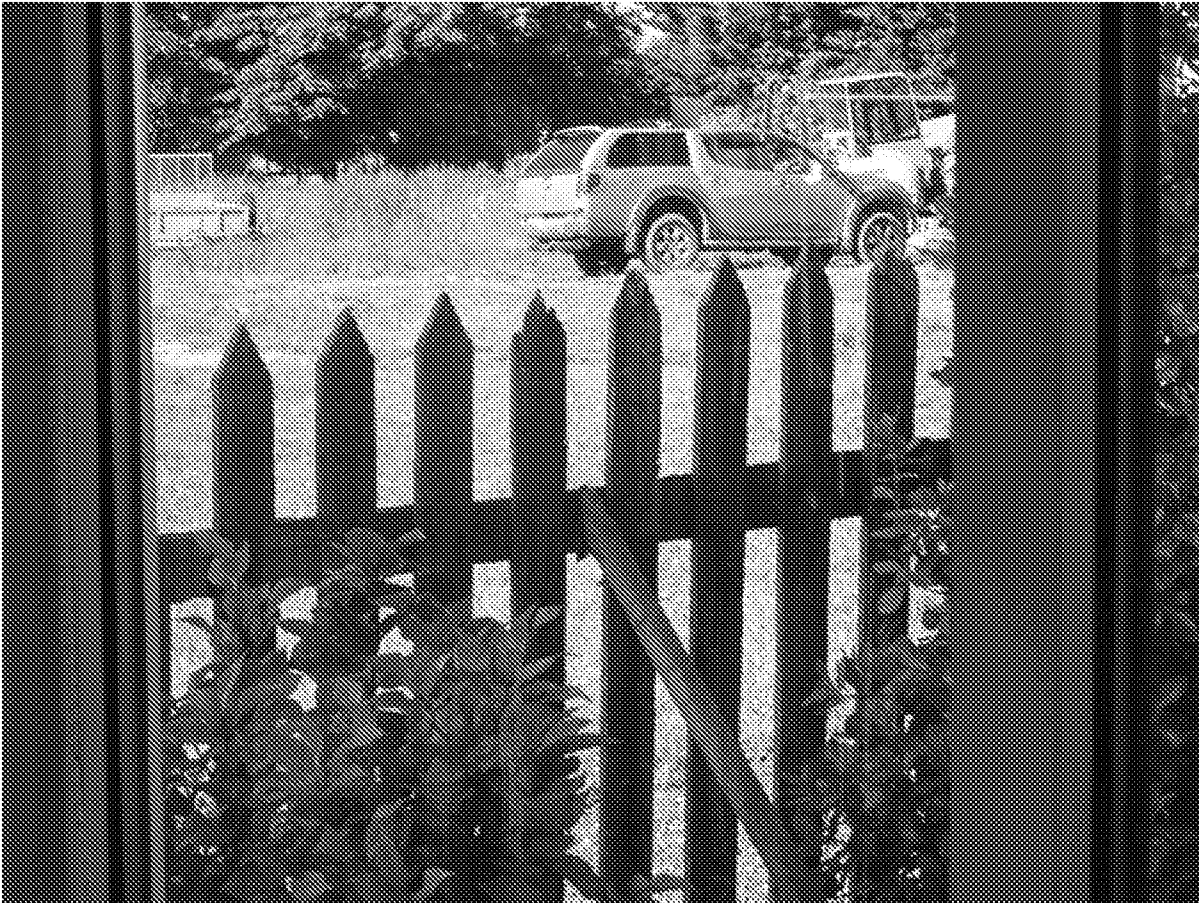
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Subject: Application AL/52/19/DOC Land West of Fontwell Avenue.

I have tried to enter a comment on the website for AL/52/19/DOC but have been unable to, so I send it here.

I should like to make a comment about the Officers Report that has just been posted on this application. I comment on 08 New Boundary Treatments.

I would like to clarify the situation which has been described by the Officer concerned.



This is a photograph of the view from our conservatory window which we have lived with for over two years, showing the original fence which is referred to below, when the building site was a field.

The boundary is not a shared boundary. Any boundary which exists, is erected on our land. The owner of the building plot has owned the site for over 35 years and has never erected any kind of boundary. When we moved to this house 35 years ago, there was no boundary. We put up the fence, on our land. The owner of the building site objected to the position of the fence and after civil proceedings were completed, the fence was accepted by the Land Registry in the position which now exists. (Legal documents and distances can be provided.)

A section of the existing boundary has indeed been replaced recently, close to the house and beside this window. The rest of the original fence remains. This is as result of us spending over two years, being overlooked by the owner and his extended family, living in two mobile homes on site, and constantly having to complain about the activities we were forced to witness, because the owner did not screen his building site in any way. The Council have done nothing to assist us.



This is the section of original fence which is still in place. Had the Council consulted us in any way, or visited us even once, over the last two and a half years, they would have seen this for themselves. They have only ever spoken to the owner of the field, or visited his site, and he has never communicated with us in any way.

The short section which we have replaced, cost us £3800. The Council already have this bill, sent several months ago, before we authorized the work. They did not reply to this letter. Consequently, we have refused to pay our Council Tax, in lieu of having to replace this fence. **This matter is one of several aspects of this case, which have been referred to the Government Ombudsman.**

The Council have also been told by us, that the next section (in front of the caravan) cannot be replaced by us until next year, when we will again use the money which we should have paid in Council Tax, because the occupant of this caravan, has been denying us any privacy for over two years, with the full permission of the Council.

We await a summons to Court from the Revenues Department, which will ensure that we finally have the opportunity to publicly explain, this and all other aspects of this case, which are in dispute.

David and Susan Smith.

