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Dear Mrs Gardner

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Erection of security fencing. This application may affect the setting of a listed building

I wish to make some comments regarding this application.

The applicant has perhaps already erected parts of this fence; plus some other fencing on my land.

There is nothing within the planning application to suggest that this fence is intended to be a temporary fence. The fence as erected is over 2 meters tall. There are no similar fences within the vicinity.

The application site is partly within a SSSI and an area of extensive woodland and wholly within the SSSI Impact Risk Zone - to assess planning applications for likely impacts on SSSIs (England) a planning application should be forwarded to Natural England as a statutory consultee.

The application includes a biodiversity checklist;

In relation to breeding birds the applicant was asked; *Will areas of hedgerow/scrub/woodland/trees or other features likely to be used by nesting birds be affected by the proposal?* The answer was given as NO.

This answer was incorrect as has been demonstrated by the applicant bulldozing significant areas of bushes and scrub (on both his and my land) and including within the SSSI to clear the way to erect the fence; works have been carried out during the bird nesting season.

The applicant has also answered NO to the question; *Is there any evidence of badgers on or near the application site?* Again this is incorrect as there is a local badger population, whose habitat and foraging routes ought to have been identified.

The applicant correctly identifies that the site has suitable habitat for reptiles. There has been a known local population release of Sand Lizards (*Lacerta agilis*) which are one of the UK's rarest reptiles. There has however apparently been no mitigation whilst bulldozing scrub and trees.

The application is accompanied by a PRELIMINARY ECOLOGICAL SURVEY REPORT; In the third paragraph of the Summary (and at para 5.1) it is recommended that a full reptile survey be carried out prior to removal of scrub/trees; no full reptile survey has been included.

At Paragraph 4.1.2 Table No.01 the consultant incorrectly states that the SSSI is 90 metres to the South of the application site, whereas the newly erected fence has partially severed the SSSI, including bulldozing scrub and filling in depressions with waste materials within the SSSI.

At Paragraph 4.1.9 the consultant identifies some of the locally known reptile species and reinforces text on their protected status and warns against reckless killing or injuring.

The application form at Q13 gives 3 incorrect answers.

At Q15 the second answer should have been YES and a full tree survey should have been submitted; A number of my (and other) trees have been removed. The metal fencing stakes being driven into the ground could affect tree roots.

A Block Plan entitled 'SECURITY FENCING' dated 16-7-2018 accompanies the planning application; it shows a red line position for the proposed fence. The fence as erected deviates considerably from the line being applied for and if erected as applied for would sever some of my land within it.

A Location Plan is included, the site's boundary is exaggerated and includes some of my land within it.

It is understood that the applicant will soon be instructing a boundary surveyor.

Should the Council be minded to grant planning permission, I would suggest robust enforceable conditions are put in place to ensure the fence is;

In the correct place as approved by the planning permission;

Either within the applicants own land or upon the boundary;

Temporary in nature.

Yours sincerely

Mr J Baird