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BN18 9PW



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Civic Centre
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9 Arundel Road, BN18 9PW - Use of footpath around the property

Dear Sir/Madam,

I would be grateful if you could assist us in settling a dispute with our neighbour, a Council tenant that resides at 10 Arundel Road (No:10) which is to the West of our property, regarding the use of a footpath that encircles our property from the Main Road in the North to abutting our property on the South elevation.

We purchased 9 Arundel Road in 2007 and since that time, have had sporadic issues with the current tenant/s at No:10 (Mr P Townsend) which are making our lives, and the lives of our family quite unbearable.

One of the most intrusive and disturbing issues that we suffer from is Mr Townsend using the Council's access footpath around our home for activities, such as transporting goods (wheelbarrows/gardening tools etc) and other equipment, in close proximity to our house.

We absolutely understand that there is a provision within the title deeds to our property for us to maintain access, or certainly preclude from obstruction, access to the "Council or any similarly entitled" (Schedule 3, 5.(a)), but this cannot possibly include a Council tenant, who we can only assume at this stage is not an Appointed Agent/Contractor by yourselves to complete works on or maintain the property at No:10.

We have been very accommodating and welcoming of Council employees and their Appointed Agents/Contractors requiring Emergency Access to carry out maintenance on the Council owned property at No:10, often with very little or no warning. However, we feel very unsafe within our home with Mr Townsend coming and going as he pleases, at all times of the day, making us and our children very uncomfortable. We have tried speaking to Mr

Townsend about this issue, but he can become quite aggressive and we do not feel that he would comply with any request that we make.

We are requesting that you look at this situation and perhaps approach Mr Townsend and ask him to stop using this footpath as it is for Council access only and not as a public thoroughfare. We would also be happy to consider Mediation in relation to this matter, but hope that a clear explanation of his properties boundaries and his right's of access may suffice in this instance.

I have enclosed a plan of our property at Number 9 which shows, shaded grey, the footpath in relation to this dispute (Title Number: WSX150410).

I thank you in advance for your consideration of this complaint and I look forward to hearing from you as soon as you are able.

Yours faithfully,

Mr N Stephens

Mrs S Stephens

Sent via Post and Email, to [REDACTED]

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