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Dear Mrs Lawrence,

Further to our discussion I am submitting an application for retrospective planning permission for the fence that we have put up on the border of our property, facing Holmes Lane. At the time of erecting the fence we had not made a planning application and I apologise for this oversight.

The fence was erected so that we could increase the amount of useable garden for the children to enjoy and to keep them safe. We have put up trellis along the pathway and removed the dividing fence between the rear and front garden. The front garden is now accessible from the back and there is no access from the front. We put up the 1.8m fence at the front to provide both privacy and security for our children so that it is too high for them to climb over or for anyone to lift them over.

It is my understanding that any fence over 1m high adjacent to a public highway requires planning consent. There are a number of houses in our very near proximity that have built walls or fences well in excess of this height restriction without any material impact on the appearance of the neighbourhood. It is also my understanding that the complaint that was made was purely on the basis that the fence was erected without permission, rather than there being an actual objection to the fence itself. I confirmed this in a subsequent telephone call after your visit, as I was keen to address any objections that had been made about the fence as quickly as possible to maintain neighbourly relations.

I might add that during the period that I was putting the fence up the only comments that I received were positive ones.

I recall during your visit you took some measurements and photographs but I have submitted pictures of the fence under “Site & other plans”, as well details of other properties in my local vicinity that have similar height walls or fences.

Again I apologise for our oversight. Should you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely,

Mr & Mrs Wilkinson.