

PLANNING REF : 250716
PROPERTY ADDRESS : Topaz Close
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: RG41 3UF
SUBMITTED BY : Ms A. Grosz
DATE SUBMITTED : 02/05/2025

COMMENTS:

I object the the granting of this application for 'raised fence'. Please note, this fence has already been constructed prior to the granting of this application.

Background: The property has a front garden on both Agate Close and Northway, a main road through this section of the estate. The Front Garden (as identified in the submitted Proposed & Existing Plans) covers 2 sides of the semi-attached house. The front garden impacted has a low brick wall as its border and has had this wall for at least the past 29 years. This is not a rear garden and hence no fencing. 1. I object on the basis of safety. Many children use this route (even coming from Topaz Close after coming through the Scots Lane open green path) on their way to school. Children use this route to bike to school. The speed limit is 20mph (some people travel at 30mph) even though the road is very curvy (as can be seen in the Site Location Plan). which is now potentially obscuring vehicles from seeing pedestrians and bike riders. There are two 'Close' roads which egress onto Northway which are in very close proximity to the house. 2. Safety concern. In the event someone is to park on the opposite side of the road, this leaves very little latitude for adjustment for road obstacles. Parking is permitted along this area on both sides of Northway. As the applicant has stated in his request, he hopes to be able to have increased social occasions using this space, which would naturally result in increased vehicle presence, parking or otherwise.

3. Guidelines when the estate was built. There was a clear intention to keep barriers which were not initially erected below 1 meter in height for purposes of giving a good open feeling, consistency in the environment and for safety considerations. The low brick wall provided a barrier to pedestrians entering this property and defined the front garden space. The prior owner had a dog who made use of the rear garden.

4. The fence which has been erected is an eyesore and changes the look and feel of the neighborhood. If this is permitted, then many people will want to increase their enclosed space by fencing in their front gardens. A visit to the site will provide you with the opportunity to understand the community concerns. Other homes which have fences over 1 meter are for their rear gardens and these have existed for many years.