

PLANNING REF : 252347
PROPERTY ADDRESS : 46 Eastheath Ave
: Wokingham, Berkshire
: RG41 2PJ
SUBMITTED BY : Mr Andrew Williams
DATE SUBMITTED : 28/11/2025

COMMENTS:

We are providing this response in reply to the applicant's recent comments concerning our original objection.

There has not been a fence along the full length of the drive at any point since we first viewed the property in January 2000 and moved in April 2000. Nor was one present when the previous occupants moved in during 1993 and they have confirmed they did not erect one. The reference to "several years" is therefore unclear, as this term is generally understood to mean fewer than ten years, certainly not thirty or more.

The proposed works say extend the existing boundary fence which is ours. However, the recent response from the homeowner indicates that the new structure would be positioned entirely on her side of the boundary. These two statements appear contradictory.

The photo included in the application is not indicative of the whole road. There are considerably more low fences and natural hedges than high fences. The proposed 2m high fence would therefore be out of keeping with the character and appearance of the street.

Regardless of vehicle speed, visibility when exiting the drive will remain restricted until a driver has already reached the pavement. This will be dangerous, especially for pedestrians many of whom are elderly and school age.

We understand Wokingham Borough Council requires "a 2m 2m visibility splay at the point where a driveway meets the public footway, kept free of any obstruction above 0.6 metres in height as stated in council planning decisions and highway standards". The proposed 2m high fence appears to obstruct this splay and would significantly reduce visibility for vehicles exiting the driveway and for pedestrians on the pavement, creating an avoidable safety risk.

Under "Frontage Access" the guide states that when a driveway meets a footway, there should be sufficient inter visibility between drivers and pedestrians.

The front of our property does not remain in shade throughout the day.

The homeowner has previously stated that cats roam. A 2m high fence will not prevent this. There is no record or indication that our dogs have entered the neighbouring property's drive during the period relevant to this application.