

Appendix 7

**Applicant's Comments on Further Representations
Submitted by Interested Parties in the Course of the
Notice of Review Consultation Process**

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Subject: erection of front boundary wall (retrospective) miss Elizabeth Smith 18 Aldergate Westburn Cambuslang G72 7ZF

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing this letter to you hoping that you may have some compassion when making your decision on the erecting of a small wall which has been built outside the front of my property.

I now however understand that i made a mistake of not applying for planning permission, and i apologise for this.

I am extremely distraught that my wall will have to come down, as i am in financial hardship due to doing this.

I assumed that with the other walls in the estate being erected that i could do the same, then when the letter arrived from your department stating that i needed planning permission i was totally shocked. I now feel that after all i have been through i am being made an example of by having to take my wall down due to me not having planning permission.

I also feel that as to which has been stated on several occasions that the estate is open plan, then why have the council already set a precedence and allowed these other walls in the estate to remain yet mine must come down.

This is making me feel as if i am being singled out due to an error on my behalf.

These walls were supposedly granted planning permission because of the play area which is adjacent to the properties, yet the play area in question is fenced off and further away from their properties than the area in question adjacent to my property.

The area adjacent to my property is an open area and larger area, there are more children play on this area than in the play park, yet you insist this is an open planned estate, but still you have set a precedence by allowing these walls to stand and for my walls to come down.

I just don't understand the justifications in this.

I have had horrendous problems as a resident in this estate due to no fault of my own, with dog fouling on my lawn and not being picked up, peoples pets urinating on my plants and shrubbery also being dug up, kids cycling over my lawn, kicking balls into my garden, damage to my property, theft from my property, damage to my vehicle, a car was set on fire outside my property which was left abandoned for weeks, alcohol bottles being thrown onto the front of my property and also cars reversing onto my lawn, these were the main reasons why i got a bank loan and had a wall built outside my property, which when i was having it built i made sure that it was in keeping with the house and estate, but once again i apologise for not knowing that i had to have planning permission.

Since i have had the wall built outside my property i have had no problems what so ever.

Yet i cannot understand why these other walls are allowed to stand as they are of poor quality and are crumbling and are not in keeping with the estate.

I feel very let down and confused by society all for the sake of protecting my own property, but as you have emphasised on several occasions that the estate is open plan even though you have already set a precedence for others, i feel that you are judge, jury and executioner and that no matter how hard i try to explain or express myself to you i know that you have already made your decisions and that my wall will eventually have to come down, i would like to elaborate further regarding point 3 policy RES6.

The open frontage policy decided in 1996 could not envisage the problems it would cause 15 years later.

This policy is really only workable in larger more spacious estates as in USA and CANADA.

These having societies where the law of trespass are more strictly adhered to, with serious consequences to the perpetrators, whilst upholding the rights of the residents.

If a referendum were held across the estate the consensus of opinion would see this policy as unpopular, unworkable and a hindrance to daily life as not every homeowner has neighbours who respect their neighbours properties.

As i have already stated the reason for my wall was to prevent acts of vandalism, trespassing, dog fouling and damage to my vehicle and property.

I believe these problems will increase in the future based on the direction of social change and have increased since 1996. The planning services are intransigent dismissing these serious point with the statement "to maintain a degree of uniformity".

I believe my wall to be sympathetic to the design of the estate, using the same building materials and unobstructive to the visual amenity and still maintaining a degree of uniformity.

Kind Regards'

Elizabeth Smith