

4 Velyn Avenue  
Chichester  
PO19 7UP

Panning Department  
Chichester District Council

17<sup>th</sup> March 2021

Dear Sir/Madam,

**RE: Proposal to raise height of gate at 4 Velyn Avenue, PO19 7UP**

Last year we submitted a request to put a fence on the outside of our property and raise the height of the gate as part of this which was declined (20/00686/DOM).

We accept that the council is not willing for us to have a fence on the outside of our property and would like to focus now on just the issue of the height of gate. It is currently 1.25m and is in urgent need of replacement. We are going to replace this with a solid tongue and groove wooden fence under permitted development (the gate is beyond the boundary of the conservation area).

We would like to raise the height of the gate by 0.75m bringing it to a height of 2m. This would match the style of our neighbours' gate and also the other enclosed property on Velyn Avenue, Steddles. With the exception of the terraced houses opposite, all of the properties on Velyn Avenue either have their external wall up to the pavement, or have a tall fence or hedge, so this is in keeping with the majority of the style of the road. In fact, as you walk down Velyn Avenue from the north or east, our low gate is the first clear opening and people tend to immediately turn their heads to look in because it is a surprise.

Our home is along the main walkway into the city from the east and is at a busy intersection. For this reason we often have groups of people standing right outside our gate for long periods of time, and in the evening it is frequent for people to meet and drink or smoke outside. Because of this, and because we have a young child and another on the way, we wish to provide more privacy and security for our household by increasing the height of the gate. We propose that increasing the height of an existing gate by 75cm in line with other properties on the road will not cause damage to the street scene.

We are happy to have a meeting to discuss.

Regards,

Jennifer and Benjamin O'Shaughnessy-Beal