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Dear Sir/Madam

Since before 1991 (when I purchased 49 Ash Hill Road) my left-hand boundary fence (looking from the rear of the property looking towards the rear fence) and also the rear boundary fence, consisted of a 6-inch wooden gravel board, a 6-foot close boarded fence and a 1-foot-6-inch trellis that was fixed to the top, this was equivalent to 2.440M in height.

In 1991 I planted 6-foot-high Conifer trees to the inside of my rear fence in the hope that they would grow and give me some privacy to my rear garden. The Conifer trees grew and were maintained to a height of approximately 4.500M giving me the privacy and security required due to the drop in height between my patio and the ground level to the outside of my rear fence (which is 1.340M in height over a distance of 7.100M). Since 1991 I also maintained and kept in good order the left and rear boundary fences, repairing and treating them as and when required. Over the years the Conifer trees had become diseased and were gradually dying off.

Three years ago, I decided that I would have to remove the Conifer trees as they could become dangerous/unsafe. When I removed them, I damaged the rear trellis which the Conifers had now over time grown through and also parts of the fence. I then replaced the side boundary fence from the brick shed down to the rear fence and also the rear fence but realised I would have the same problem that I had back in 1991 with no privacy or security. I was not aware that planning permission was required for a boundary fence at that time (I only found out when I received a letter from one of your Planning Enforcement Officers on 22.11.2023, which is why I am now making an application for Retrospective Planning Permission) especially as it is not facing