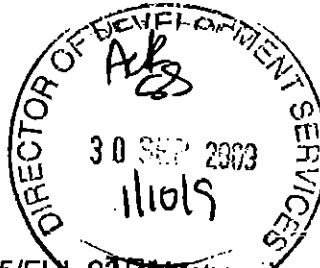


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Dear Sir

In response to the application P/09/0635/FUL 23 the occupiers of the above address, object very strongly to planning permission being granted. Our reasons for this are:

- Mr Curson does not own the land.
- Photographs submitted by Mr Curson of his back garden fence are misleading – the photographs are not of his fence but his next door neighbour's.
- Mr Curson has already erected the fence with two large gates opening onto Wellpark road. In his application he states that no road access is required – if this is the case then why are erect double gates?
- Mr Curson already has installed gates on his original garden fence - these open out onto the public footpath on Wellpark Road – does one not need planning permission for this – and if so was it given?
- Mr Curson has also stated in his application (Section 4 (c)) that no trees were to be lopped or felled. If that is the case why is he cutting branches off the trees which were on the common ground before he extended his garden by over a metre and fenced them into his property.
- Granting permission would seriously disrupt the residents' parking in Wellpark Road as the gates into the common ground are directly across from our cottages.
- Mr Curson has mentioned to other residents that when his application is granted he intends to run a landscape gardening business from the said area.
- Open space is necessary in housing areas. This may set a precedent for all such space to be removed.

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- I am sure in the original plans this area was designated as open land for the use of all residents and the grass being cut at regular intervals by the Council.
- Arbitrary annexation of planned open spaces reduces the amenity value of the area.
- It is considered that unauthorised use of this area of public open space is contrary to the Council's planning policy statements "Loss of public open space in residents area" as the proposal involves the loss of a significant part of an amenity open space required for the benefit of the residents in the area.
- The proposal would be contrary to the Council's Planning Policy statement "Loss of Public Open Space in Residents Areas" as it involves the loss of part of an area of public open space which would set an undesirable precedent for further encroachment on the remainder of the amenity open space area.
- This may seem a rather long-winded objection but we want the Council to know how much we care about our surroundings and the right we have to enjoy the views we have had for over 24 years.

Yours faithfully

Mitchell McLaurin



Christina McLaurin

