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Your Ref: SB/IH

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Dear Ms Barton

**LOCAL PLANNING REVIEW COMMITTEE – PLANNING APPLICATION
P09/0635/FUL**

I refer to your letter and enclosures dated 5 May 2010 and your reference to Regulation 15(4).

In all honesty, I do not believe that I can offer a clear and concise comment in response to the enclosed document from Falkirk Council Planning and Transportation, as quiet frankly its content is vague and inconclusive, with the exception that it would appear to be immaterial to Falkirk Council whether or not the properties concerned have applied for planning permission or otherwise, as they have no intention of doing anything of significance to address these issues.

In respect of 1 Willow Drive, Banknock, where a rather unsightly garage has been built, (photograph enclosed) and for which there appears to be no planning permission, I am at a loss for words when I read that, Falkirk Council appear to tolerate its presence, simply because *"aerial photographs indicate that it has been in place for more than nine years and it would appear that the construction of this garage would constitute permitted development"*!

So there we have it, a garage with no record of planning permission is acceptable but a 1.83m high fence is not?

In respect of 1 Cherry Lane, Banknock, I note that the Planning Application was granted subject to the safeguard of users of the highway. In respect of my planning application the Roads Department have not objected as they consider that the line of the fence does not impact upon road safety.

In respect of 2 Hawthorn Drive and 13 Willow Drive, Banknock, both these properties, 2 Hawthorn Drive in particular, have been permitted to adopt ground far larger than my application and erect 1.83m high fences which are much more noticeable than my own. Again, I fail to see the logic in their planning applications being approved but my own refused.

In respect of 1 Laburnam Road, Banknock. Here, the council approved planning permission for a garage to allow the applicant to house a fish and

chip van. I am sure that the missives for these properties exclude use for commercial purpose.

In respect of all other properties mentioned, I would refer you to the second paragraph of this letter and my considered belief that Falkirk Council has no intention of expecting the owners of these properties to do anything other than answer a letter confirming when they changed their boundaries.

Again, I am unable to comprehend the logic and consistency of Falkirk Council's decision and enforcement processes and lost for words to offer any form of rational response, other than to suggest that to a totally independent body, it would appear that there is no consistency or logic employed by Falkirk Council when reaching their decisions!

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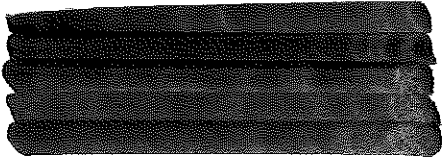
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To re-iterate once more, it is my intention to use the ground within the enclosed area as an allotment. If the Review Committee grants my application, the fence will be painted to match the existing boundary fence. I also intend to train a number of flowering shrubs along the fence to 'soften' its appearance. I have no intention of removing the trees at the foot of my garden as it exists at present, but do reserve the right to 'trim back' problematic branches. I have no intention of running a landscaping business from the site. I have enclosed photographs of my gardens to indicate to the Review Committee the standard of maintenance I maintain and will invest in the area subject of my planning application.

I thank you for your time and would be grateful if you could notify me if any of my inclusions are unacceptable.

Yours Sincerely

A large, dark, rectangular redacted area covering the signature of John Curson.

John Curson

VIEWS OF MY FRONT GARDEN.







VIEWS OF MY BACK GARDEN



