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[REDACTED]
Subject: 24 willow grove

Good morning Angela,

I am writing to formally respond to the representation from James objecting to the retrospective application for the 1.8M timber boundary fence at my property. I would like to clarify several points for the Council's consideration:

- **Correction of Property Orientation:** The objection incorrectly refers to this as a "front boundary" fence. To clarify, our property fronts onto Lilac Grove, which is where our primary entrance and front garden are located. The area in question is our private side/rear garden along Willow Grove. As such, the 1.8m height is standard for a private residential amenity space and does not impact our "front garden" street scene.
- **Child Safety and Privacy:** As the parents [REDACTED] our primary concern is [REDACTED] safety. A 1M fence is entirely inadequate for a rear/side garden boundary; it is easily scaled and offers no protection from the road. Furthermore, with the previous low fence, passersby would frequently stand and stare directly into our garden while our [REDACTED] was playing. The 1.8M height is essential to ensure [REDACTED] security and our family's right to privacy without being overlooked.
- **Positive Impact on the Street Scene:** While the objection mentions the "open plan" character of the area, five of our immediate neighbors have formally commented that the fence is "professionally constructed," "high-quality," and "enhances the area." Several noted that it actually improves pedestrian safety and visibility for drivers on the corner compared to the previous overgrown vegetation.
- **Neighborly Consensus:** We take great pride in our home and have invested in a high-quality boundary that respects the neighborhood. We are grateful for the overwhelming support from our neighbors who agree that this is a positive upgrade to the corner plot.

We believe that the need for a safe, private environment for our [REDACTED] child, combined with the fact that this is a side garden rather than a front frontage, justifies the current height.

Thank you for taking the time to consider our family's perspective and the supportive comments of our community. We look forward to your decision.

Yours faithfully

Mr Marcus Brown & Mrs Sophie Brown