



The Town and Country Planning Act 1990
Refusal of Householder Planning Permission
Application Reference Number: PL/2026/02664
Decision Date: 19/06/2026

Applicant:	Mr and Mrs Robin Gale 19 Longford Road, Melksham, Wiltshire, SN12 6DH
Particulars of Development:	Removal of Boundary Hedging and dwarf masonry walling. New 1800mm high Treated Timber Close Boarded Fencing with Trellis Top Panels.
At:	19 Longford Road, Melksham, SN12 6DH

In pursuance of their powers under the above Act, the Council hereby REFUSE TO GRANT PERMISSION for the development referred to in the above application and plans submitted by you, for the following reason(s):

Refusal Reason

- 1 The proposed development, by reason of its scale and materials, would result in a form of development that fails to respond positively to the character, context and distinctiveness of the host dwelling and its setting. The proposal would appear visually incongruous, overly dominant and unsympathetic to the character of the area and would detract from the visual amenity of the surrounding area.

As such, the proposal is contrary to Core Policy 57 (i and iii) of the Wiltshire Core Strategy (2015), Policy 18 of the Joint Melksham Neighbourhood Plan, the design principles set out in Appendix D of the Wiltshire Design Guide SPD and paragraphs 131 and 135 of the National Planning Policy Framework, which collectively seek to ensure high-quality design that respects local character and integrates appropriately with its surroundings.

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- 2 The proposed development, by reason of its failure to meet visibility requirements, would result in an unacceptable impact on highway safety. The scheme fails to demonstrate that the development can be safely and satisfactorily accessed by all users.

As such, the proposal is contrary to Core Policies 57 (xiv), 61 and 64 of the Wiltshire Core Strategy (2015) and paragraphs 115 and 116 of the National Planning Policy Framework, which collectively require development to be safely accessed and not have an unacceptable impact on highway safety.

Nic Thomas - Director of Planning, Economy and Regeneration

NOTES

1. **Appeals.** If the applicant is aggrieved by the decision of the local planning authority to refuse permission, he may appeal to the Secretary of State for the Environment in accordance with Section 78(1) of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 within 12 weeks of the date of this decision. (Information and forms relating to the appeals process can be found at the Planning Portal - [Appeal a householder planning decision: Overview - GOV.UK \(www.gov.uk\)](#)).