

37 Ashington Drive
Bury
BL8 2TS

Planning Permission Support Evidence

To the western perimeter (Ashington Drive) at the above property, to replace conifer trees with fencing 2m high.

The conifers have been there quite some time & been poorly maintained, as a result had become very large at the base, with growth encroaching onto the footpath by some 60cm, in addition to becoming largely brown in appearance and dying off. Our intention was to replace with a fence, due to their poor overall condition. (Photo attached)

In the first instance we contacted Bury MBC planning department by phone to explain and enquire if we could replace with a fence, we were told that the maximum height we could go to was 2m, we could go higher but would need planning permission.

With the information we contacted two fencing contractors to obtain pricing, with the two quotes in from reputable companies who also understood the height allowance to be 2m.

We then once again contacted Bury MBC to confirm our plans that it was ok to erect a 2m fence without planning permission and were told that this was the allowed height, therefore instructed the preferred contractor to book the work in.

Upon completion we were very satisfied with the fence and as we have lots of ivy on our side of the fence it was our intention to train the ivy up the fence and down the other side over time, giving it a green natural appearance.

We were very surprised to receive a letter from Bury MBC informing us to cut the fence down to 1m in height or apply for planning permission as there has been a complaint which is why we are here.

Had we been given the correct information when we enquired, we would have applied for planning permission first, before commencing with a costly project such as this.

To date four people have commented on the fence in passing adding how much better it looks compared to the ageing conifers.

The whole of the western perimeter looks into our back garden, to reduce the fence height to 1m would remove all our privacy from the garden in addition to compromising security. Lowercroft school being on higher ground would have an unobstructed view into the garden along with passers-by.

There are many more properties on the estate & Seddon's farm estate that have fences that are 2m and over and have been innocently installed unaware of the limitations (enclosed photos) and I'm pretty sure they will be unhappy to lose their privacy also.

