

Dear Mr Knight,

Re: Retrospective Planning Application – Front Boundary Fence and Gate with Trellis at
35 Heaton Fold, Bury, BL9 9HF.

I am writing in support of my retrospective planning application for the existing front boundary fence and gate at the above property.

I have lived at the property for approximately 43 years, during which time the front boundary has always been clearly defined by boundary treatments providing enclosure and privacy. Historically, this consisted of a hedge along the front boundary measuring close to 2 metres in height, together with 1 metre high timber fencing along the side/front return boundary. A metal gate provided access to the property.

Over time, the hedge became diseased and died, and the timber fencing deteriorated and became rotten and unsafe. The former hedge was a mature and prominent feature which regularly overhung the frontage, whereas the existing boundary treatment is clearly defined, fully contained within the property boundary, and more easily managed.

The existing fence and gate were installed as replacement boundary treatments following the loss of the original features. The fence measures approximately 1.8 metres (6 feet) in height including a trellis section above the solid panels. The replacement gate is of matching height and constructed from the same high-quality pressure-treated timber, creating a consistent and cohesive frontage.

While the overall height exceeds that of the former fencing alone, it broadly reflects the height and level of enclosure previously provided by the long-established front hedge. The inclusion of trellis significantly softens the appearance of the boundary by allowing light and partial views through, reducing visual bulk and avoiding an overly dominant street frontage.

The visual impact of the boundary has been further softened through the introduction of planting along the frontage, including wildflowers and planting within pots positioned in front of the ground-floor window. All planting is located entirely within the property boundary and does not encroach onto the public footway or highway. This contributes positively to the appearance of the street scene and provides seasonal interest.

The fence and gate restore privacy, security, and a clear boundary definition following the failure of the original features. They do not obstruct pedestrian or vehicular visibility, do not affect highway safety, and do not result in loss of light or amenity to neighbouring properties.

In character and appearance terms, the boundary treatment is domestic in scale, well-constructed, and appropriate to the varied mix of boundary treatments within the surrounding area. Since installation, it has not resulted in any demonstrable harm to the street scene or residential amenity.

I trust this information is helpful in supporting the application, and I would be grateful for your consideration.

Kind regards,

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