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Dear Sirs

23 Upmill Close, West End, Southampton, SO30 3HT

As requested I am providing a supplementary letter to provide in writing matters we had discussed on your visit:

- The previous fence was dilapidated and in need of serious repair. There are bushes, shrubs and brambles growing through the previous fence and into our garden. Upon request to have these cut, the council responded back with 'not ECB' land – I have shared with Tom Ludgwide this message. The prickles that grow through make it impossible for children to play in the garden – the block paving wall now prevents this coming through. Weed and roots have always grown up and into the garden previously, with the fence you will now notice that these no longer grow into the property and instead are held under the coping stones allowing us to enjoy the garden without having to worry about this – see image 1 in the appendix. Coping on the top of the wall where the buttresses are in place have been added to stop rain and snow etc soaking through, freezing and then blowing off proposed render.

- Our wall was already partially brick and the wall opposite on Romill Close is also made from block/brick and to much bigger height than the one we have built. On my previous fence, concrete blocks were used to bring the fence up to ground level (as Romill Close is beneath ground level) and then grey fence panels were fixed onto this. We have simply raised the level of the blocks to give the property more security (from the road as well as the vegetation).– see image 2 which clearly shows the old wall from brick which now leads into the block.

The previous fence did not prevent the vegetation from eroding the fence and coming through the panel gaps. As you can now see from the images, the new block wall has prevented the vegetation from entering my property so the garden can be enjoyed as it should (especially for children). In addition, during the recent storm we had lost a few roof slates which were prevented from landing onto the street of Romill Close due to the material of the wall as they hit the block wall and remained within the property itself. Cars park alongside the fence on Romill Close and children also walk here so the solid material is a necessity for our plot.

- Measurement on the inside at 1.8m throughout other than at the back where there is plans to build an office given the current Covid climate and with me having to now work from home. There are 6 individuals living at the property which make working inside very difficult. This is being built on the boundary with the maximum height being 2.34m and this sloping down to 2m at the front. The slope

will be facing into the garden to ensure all rain water is away from any neighbour. This will also provide symmetry to the garden with the odd shape (1m on one side growing to 5.8m on the other side) at the back in its current form looking rather strange.

- The height of the wall is consistent with the height of the previous fence other than a very small 5cm increase. The wall remains less than 1.85m in height though. The reason for this minimal increase is due to the same foundations being used as there were for the previous fence (which also had a breeze block base). We have used whole block which results in the slight increase to save having to try and shave 5cm off the top block. Image 2 shows how minimal this looks from Romill Close and I have also a photo showing this in image 3. From image 4 you can clearly see the boundary wall across the other side on Romill Close is much higher.

Currently Romill Close has a number of newly built properties (No 1 Romill Close which is the first property after the wall) that have been built from breeze block and have been then rendered in cream - See image 5. We propose to render the wall and then apply waterproof masonry paint to fall in line with the new look of the Romill Close properties and to match the look that is already seen on Romill Close to compliment these properties. I believe this colour is Cornish cream following discussion with the neighbour but this will be sampled prior to the whole wall being painted to ensure this is a match. I show the paint in image 6.

Please do feel free to get in touch if you have any further queries on the above.

Yours sincerely

Gurvir Cheema

Appendix

Image 1



Image 2



Image 3



Image 4



Image 5



Image 6

Sandtex Microseal Ultra Smooth Weatherproof Masonry 15 Year Exterior Wall Paint - Cornish Cream - 10L

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Image 7 – another property on Romill Close with cream render



Image 8 – Marsh grown on Romill Close just outside our wall

