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Dear Mr Osmond,

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Retrospective application for Retention of 1.8 metre high close-board timber fence adjacent to highway

In regard to application H/24/96959, as the application is for the alteration to an existing dwelling and there is no change to the specific vehicle access onto the highway, HCC's Highway Standing Advice should be referred to in the first instance. This can be viewed via the following link under the heading Consultation with the Highway Authority - <https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/developers/consultation>

Having undertaken an initial look at the application however, it would be recommended that as part of the review, in line with the Standing Advice the Case Officer requests visibility splay drawings for the access to ensure that the fence line does not interfere with this.

It is noted that the site access sits within a 40mph speed zone, and guidance stipulates that this requires minimum visibility splays of 2.0 x 63.0m both left and right. This enables a vehicle to egress the site with full driver position visibility of the highway upon which they are entering, ensuring that it is clear from other vehicles which may be passing by at the same time.

Whilst it is acknowledged that as an existing plot and vehicle access, and as such current standards may not be fully met (drawings will demonstrate if this is the case or not), it would be recommended that any visibility splay is given to the maximum

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available, and as such this could require the frontal fence line to be set back from the highway edge a minimum of 2.0m.

It is also noted from the information provided that whilst the fence will not grow out and obstruct visibility like the hedge may, the hedge can of course be cut back at any time to improve road safety. The fence line does however appear to have been set closer to the highway than the original hedge however, which is likely to impede visibility further, as can be seen using the telegraph pole as reference.



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Yours sincerely,

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