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Dear Sir /madam

Ref 20/00 935/FUL

I am writing to you regarding my objection to the grass verge adjacent 30 Woodlands Road, The Spinneys, Hockley, Essex being incorporated into a domestic garden relating to 30 Woodlands Road, Hockley, Essex.

Verges are used by the public, it is used for passage alongside a pathway and is just as much part of the highway. Verges should be safeguarded from unauthorised attempts to enclose them, as it seems to be the case here. A pickett fence has been erected around this public verge since August 2020, but from the website I can see he applied for this on 5/10/2020, this verge had already been taken over in the summer.

I have walked and exercised my dog every day and we always stop to throw a ball on this area. We are no longer able to do this as this area has been made inaccessible by the owner of 30 Woodlands Road. I am no longer able to enjoy this area with my dog & family

Verges are an important habitat for wildlife and wild flowers, something we need to encourage for future generations. We need to protect our green spaces, for visual aesthetics and for public use when walking along busy roads. This verge is an integral part of the character of our area and has been for the last 60 years.

There is nothing aesthetically pleasing having to look at an obstructive fence, where an open piece of land used to be, this was well kept and maintained.

I have taken and enclosed photo's of this area before it was enclosed by the present owner of 30 Woodlands Road.

I also enclose photo's of what it presently looks like. As you can see even the spinney's road sign has been moved!

I implore you not to grant permission to have the verge as part of the garden of 30 Woodlands Road, Hockley, and for the grass verge to be restored back to its original use for the public and our community.

Yours Sincerely



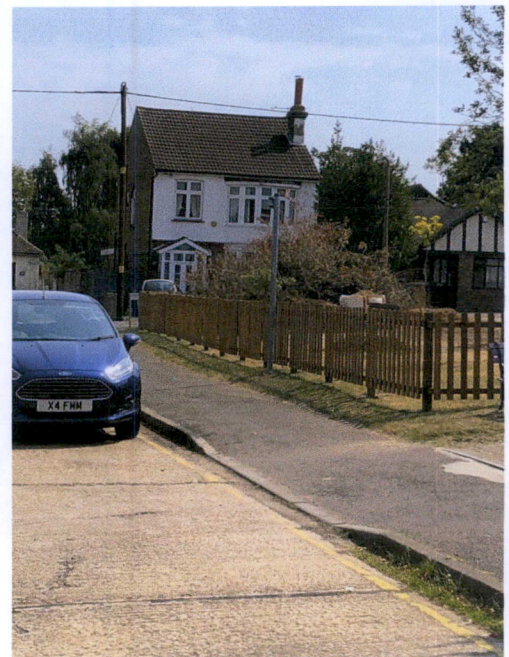
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