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To: [Planning Comments \(SMDC\)](#)
Subject: Application Number SMD/2023/0546
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Re. **St Edwards C of E Middle School, Leek.** Application Number **SMD/2023/0546**

As the owners and occupiers of The Cottage, Beggars Lane we are consultees to this application and share a boundary with the school.

Please see below comments regarding your letter received by email on 27 February 2024. For ease we have also included text from our initial comments.

Drawing 3118-33-04 rev E confirms that the annotation regarding the fence at E3 was altered at revision C. It now reads that the new fence will be installed behind the existing fence at our boundary. The annotation at revision A indicated that the existing fence was to be removed and replaced. Currently it seems that your proposal will trap the majority of the fence between the new one and a hedge on our property, giving no access from either side. Leaving the remainder of the existing fence at the side of our drive, in front of your fence, would not only leave a climbing aid as referenced in the police comments but would encourage climbers onto our property. We therefore object to the proposal to not remove the existing fence and ask that points 2, 3 and 4 of our original response are addressed.

Also we note that point 1 on our original response has not been addressed.

1. With regard to drawing 3118-33-04, we note the area to the South West of The Cottage is shown bounded in blue. For clarity this area is the private driveway of The Cottage and is not part of the school grounds.

2. Drawing 3118-33-04, within Area B, the existing fence at Elevation E3 continues beyond the interface with the fence at Elevation E4 to the back of the highway footpath on Beggars Lane. As it is proposed to stop the new fence on E3 at the corner with E4, how is it intended to maintain separation of our driveway and the school access at this point?

3. There is a fence within the grounds of The Cottage that is at 90 degrees and fixed to the existing fence at E3. Please confirm that this will be properly accommodated within the proposed works.

4. Please confirm that as our property shares the boundary formed by the fence at E3, we will be given notice of works commencing and consulted in advance of temporary and permanent works execution.

Regards,

Mark and Carol Cooper