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Subject: re Application No SMD/2024/0206- Mr Graham Shelton- 5 Carlton Terrace- Leek.
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From Derek and Suzanne Nixon,
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RE- APPLICATION NUMBER- SMD/2024/0206
APPLICANTS'S NAME- Mr Graham Shelton
LOCATION- 5, Carlton Terrace, Leek.

PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT- Single storey side extension including internal and external alterations to create an improved access.

Hello,

We live next door to Mr Shelton. We have looked at the plans and, in general, have no problem with them apart from one issue.

At present we have a lovely privet hedge as a boundary between our properties. This has been there for many decades. It is environmentally friendly and offers shelter for many forms of wildlife including nesting birds.

The proposed development includes the erection of a fence where this hedge is. It would be a travesty to rip out the hedge altogether and goes against all environmental advice on helping conserve bio-diversity and combatting climate change.

We have spoken to our neighbours and they are happy that the hedge is only cut back sufficiently to allow the fence to be fitted, not ripped out altogether.

We think this is an amical and common sense compromise. We hope you can show this same level of amical compromise too and add this proviso to the plans.

Thanking you in anticipation.

Kind regards, from Derek and Suzanne Nixon.