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Dear Sir/Madam

Consultation on Interim Housing Policy - 'Garden Grabbing'

I would like to express my view on the above subject having had an application to develop my garden refused two years ago. I applied to develop the rear of mine + a neighbours property (10 + 11 westfield). The land is directly on to Westbourne Grove + was refused despite a planning officer visiting + seeing no problem with the application + being led to believe it would be approved. Our application was handled badly by the Planning Dept from start to finish + was followed by a strong letter of complaint by my agent which also went to the Chief Executive + did not even get the courtesy of a reply.

Our application was not 'garden grabbing' but was in my case disposing of 50% of garden that I could not manage yet still retaining a garden a lot larger than most new properties.

The application was for a dormer bungalow in keeping with the area (Westbourne Grove) + where a precedent had already been set by buildings on both ends of our side of the Grove in the rear of gardens.

I feel there is a case in certain situations for development of gardens as in our case where the road + services are

already in place + has good links to transport facilities being metres from bus routes + amenities.

As people live longer + need ground floor accommodation there is a need for this type of property while developers are more interested in larger housing and getting most profit from a piece of land.

I have been watching properties which have received planning approval in gardens which in my mind I cannot understand how they ever got through.

I intend to go ahead with reapplying and would appreciate a meeting with an officer or perhaps a visit to my property would be preferable.

Yours faithfully

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