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Ref: Application number: 2025/90941

Please find below my response to the objections and comments made regarding my planning application for 'Change of use from open land to domestic garden`

Responses to objections and comments

1. The use of de minimis was used concerning the area in which I'm looking to install a greenhouse plus new garden shed (the main fenced off area). The rest of the area is to be landscaped with new flower beds, shrubs, etc and possibly a composting area.
2. The fence dose not encroach onto the footpath/dirt path.
3. The foot path/dirt path is not a public footpath adopted by Kirklees council and therefore not maintained by the council.
4. Since I have been living here, fly tipping at various levels has been occurring in this area for over 30 years. I have provided photographic evidence of fly tipping, but this is only a sample of what has been tipped over the years. Each year the path and surrounding land becomes overgrown with only the tarmac path linking bramble Walk and Norwood Drive occasionally cut back by the council. As all ready stated in my application if granted I will clearly define the path and keep the undergrowth down to make it more accessible to users. Although the path is used daily it is used by very few people.
5. The landscaping work has not been completed as I am awaiting the planning decision. To say the path is less safe due to the erection of the fence is not true. There is a very bright streetlight on the tarmac path located where the dirt path ends. It is far less safe walking up the dirt path from the start of the path at Brownhill Garth as this is overgrown with trees and bushes at the lower end of the path and there is no lighting present. There is an old concrete post currently left on site prior to completing the landscaping of the rest of the area. The rest of the waste is garden cuttings and soil which is being used in the landscaping of the area. The planning application clearly defines the area to extended and will not obstruct or interfere with the path.

6. The dirt path has not been blocked. It is a fact that the path is regularly blocked from spring to autumn due to overgrowth.
7. No concrete foundations have been laid in the extended area and there are no plans to pour any concrete base. As per my previous comments the path regularly overgrows but not in winter. This will not occur if planning is granted.
8. My previous responses address this objection.
9. My reasons for the planning application have been clearly stated following discussions and advice from Kirklees Council.

Yours faithfully

Paul A Paxman