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Hi please could I have an urgent reply regarding the retaining wall being build directly behind houses on Clare Road (Quarry Road side of the site) This massive construction hasn't yet been passed and wasn't available to see on the portal until the 16th Aug! This hasn't had any public consultation or transparency!

The retaining wall will be back filled and the ground raised by 4 meters meaning the wall and houses will have a massive impact on light, privacy and quality of life and will tower our houses that are only 8-11 meters away! I dread to think also what this will do to the valuation of our properties!

The site will start piling shortly and this wall hasn't even been passed!

The retaining wall will be a structure of size 4.65 meters in total a clear contravention against the highways act 1980 without agreed planning. I will attach photos of the impact this will have on residents, I have used a surveyors staff to show where the retaining structure will go to!

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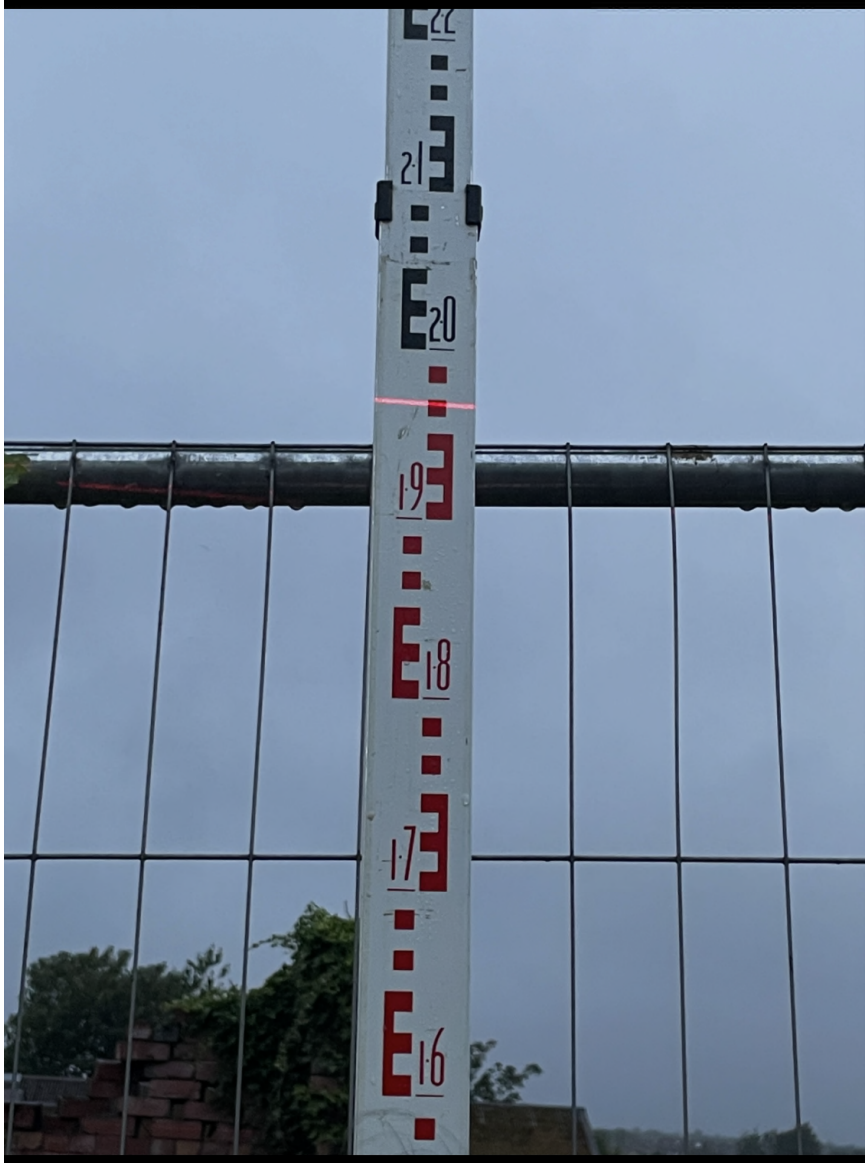
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1) this is the view of the surveyors staff from my downstairs kitchen and garden

2) this is the view from my UPSTAIRS WINDOW! Again with a house to go ontop! We will have zero light, zero privacy and this is life changing!

3) this is a laser showing the 45 degree angle, anything above this will cause loss of privacy, light, and have a detrimental impact on residents lives! As you can see this is an enormous worry as the wall and house on top will TOWER US! Being only 8-11 meters away from it! I also dread to think what this would do to our property prices!
4) the final
Picture is from Quarry Road showing the height at that side

I hope having seen it in the photos you also agree this isn't acceptable! This site has already caused 18 weeks of stress, worry and sickness! We have been exposed to an astronomical amount of dust that's SHOULDN'T have happened!

Noticing the extent of this retaining wall, and the fact it hasn't even passed planning as yet! Work will soon begin on the piling so is this an oversight as it can't continue without planning permission on such a huge structure! This is another worry that us as residents HAVE NOT BEEN GIVEN A SECOND THOUGHT IN THIS WHOLE PROCESS!

I urge you to investigate this as this is a site that seems to "just keeps giving!" Having asbestos in our gardens upto 3 streets from the site is devastating enough....but to then be subjected to living in what will feel like a cave is just poor planning and not having consideration for anyone but the build!

I hope this can be looked into as a matter of urgency

Kind regards