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East Lothian Council
Planning Department
John Muir House
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Dear Sirs

Application Ref: 25/00479/P

I respectfully request a review of East Lothian Council's decision to refuse retrospective planning permission for a 1.8m high timber fence and gate at the side of my property.

This fence encloses a small private garden accessed directly from patio doors at the side of the house, forming a vital part of our private living space. The area was previously a narrow, unusable strip between an existing boundary wall and an earlier section of fence. Extending the fence by approximately 1 metre has made the garden more practical, safer, and more private for daily family use.

While I understand that the Planning Authority is concerned about visual impact, I believe the fence is consistent with the character and design of the surrounding estate. There are several other 1.8m high timber fences facing roads within close proximity, some of which are directly across from my property. These show that this type of boundary treatment is common and does not detract from the wider streetscape.

My home is a semi detached in a T-shaped block, and the fence is located on the side, not the traditional front, of the property. It aligns with the gable of the house and does not project excessively or dominate the street scene. In my view, it complements the existing wall and does not harm the design integrity of the development.

I respectfully ask the Local Review Body to consider that:

- The fence enhances the practical use and safety of my garden.
- It is in keeping with similar fences in the estate.
- It is positioned appropriately and does not adversely affect the visual amenity of the area.

I am happy to provide photos and further context if requested.

Yours faithfully

Gillian Anderson