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Head of Legal Services Department ,

Durham County Council

County Hall

Durham DH1 ???

Dear Ms Longbottom

LAND AT THE REAR OF THE TODNER, DIPTON DH9

I write _____ to object to the sale of land at the rear of the Todner, Front Street, Dipton, Stanley County Durham. The land, which amounts to 269 square metres has been fenced in by Reg Ord Jnr, son of the previous County Councillor, Reg Ord, I have a copy of a letter sent to the MP relating to planning permission granted for the fence several years ago, to which neither myself, nor Councillor Bob Alderson objected, given that the fence is the same height as that of the neighbouring garden.

At that time there were village complaints about the fence and the impact on resident's homes, many of which are occupied by the elderly and infirm. However, the area of land was not then the subject of purchase, the house was under construction and neither Councillor Alderson, nor myself were aware of the exact size of the area being enclosed nor of its ownership; the height of the fence (two metres) precluded being able to determine this and it was natural to assume that the land belonged to the occupier.

I have been contacted by residents who are very concerned that 1. Councillor Ord gave his son permission to fence the land 2. The land was not in his ownership and 3. The area is amenity land used as a pleasant outlook and barrier between an aged person's court and bungalows and also for dog walking.

Yours Sincerely