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Richard and Patricia Fitzgerald
15 Village View
Clashmore
Co. Waterford

Your Ref: ABP-303321-18
PA Reg Ref: D52018 6

An Bord Pleanála
64 Marlborough Street
Dublin 1
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20th February 2019

Dear Sir or Madam,

We purchased this property in 2012, having reared our family in the village of Clashmore. We transferred our family home to our son and his family. Our current home is more suitable to our needs and is where we wish to spend our retirement in years to come.

We built an extension to the rear of the dwelling shortly after moving in in 2012. The extension was exempt from planning permission because of its floor area and location at the rear of the building. We did not interfere with any boundary wall. We used the soil excavated from the foundations for the extension within the site. This is in keeping with the County Development Plan for Waterford and planning guidelines which require developers to use material excavated onsite within the site. This excavated material was used to raise the lower part of the site. We put in a little trunking to level off the material and then put in a concrete yard. This was to ensure that we had a safe area at the rear of our dwelling for our grandchildren to play, when they visit, which they do regularly, as they live nearby. The back yard is now much safer for doing the simple things like hanging out the washing to dry and putting out the wheelie bin to the front of the house for collection.

We have lived in harmony with all our neighbours and are surprised by the current objection. Our neighbour has an evergreen tree in their garden, which would be more at home as a shelter belt tree at the perimeter of a forestry plantation and not in a small garden in a village setting. This tree grew in over our boundary wall, blocking sunlight and shedding into our property. We simply trimmed back the branches that encroached into our property and can only assume that has given rise to this current enquiry. We would have asked first but this neighbour only lives there occasionally.

We also feel that the photographs of us, while within our property and submitted by the complainant as part of this enquiry, have no bearing on the enquiry and are an invasion of our privacy.

We submit that we have complied with all the planning requirements and our only concern is that we can have a safe place for us to live, and our children, and theirs can visit and enjoy what is a beautiful place to live in.

Yours sincerely

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