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HISTORICAL CONTEXT FOR ACTIONS.

I feel it necessary to place some historical context around my application. I was born at 141 Riversvale, Burbage ,in 1959 , my Grandparents lived over the road at 142 Riversvale. In 1959 the whole area of Riversvale was part of the Chatsworth Estates, and both my Farther and Grandfather were employed by them.

As I grew up it was natural for me to consider both 141 and 142 Riwersvale as my homes and the land around them as my play ground. My friends and I ranged far and wide through the surrounding woodland during play times, frequently only returning to one or other of the houses to be fed! They were happy, carefree times and remain now as fond memories.

142 Riversvale was bought by my Grandmother in 1963 from Chatsworth to ensure that my maiden Aunt had a home for life – the cottages formed part of my Grandfather's conditions of work. Upon the death of my Aunt the house passed to me. Although I had married by this time I still had close affinity with the area. My parents were still living in the Chatsworth property at 141 Riversvale. My Aunt was disabled and the house was in need of serious modernisation so we completed the basics and let it out for a short time to raise the money to allow us to move in. Childish as it may seem it felt like " coming home " and I was delighted when we moved in.

Since moving in we have tried to recapture some of those memories , replanting a Laburnum tree at the front – there was always one there when I was a child as a counterpoint to the Lilac tree my Mother brought on a troop train from Loughborough during the 2nd World War (that is still there).We began mowing the grass at the rear of 142 to give back the open space I had as a child.

Most of the objections seem to come from people who have moved into the area and are unaware of the love I have for this place.

J East.