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Comments: HPK/2017/0212 - 33 Shropshire Drive & Boundary Fencing affecting 14 Worcester Grove

Mrs. Fowler of 33 Shropshire Drive said to me that her reasoning behind increasing the height of the fence to 3 meters was because the police had told her to make the bottom of the garden more secure after a couple of youths were seen in her garden, that when confronted, made their escape over the existing 2-meter fence in to my garden at 14 Worcester Grove, they then ran down the side of my house and drive way and down Worcester Grove. I genuinely believe the police meant installing an alarm in the shed and maybe some security lights in that area at the bottom of Mrs. Fowlers garden?

Mrs. Fowler said she only increased the height to 3 meters because her son saw two & kids climb over the fence from my garden into hers, and then break into her shed, I question this sequence of events because her son would have chased them off before the broke in the shed. The version of events her son told me personally was he saw two kids near the shed in their garden and when he approached them in a direction from the house down the garden, they climbed over the fence and onto my shed roof to make their escape. There is no evidence that this was the way they got into the garden, and with the son approaching the kids were forced to escape this way.

In addition to the two, motion sensor automatic security lights I already have in place at the rear and the side of my property, I have now fitted (March 2017) a 2-meter solid, lockable gate to my property, so access to the rear of my property and garden is practically impossible as it would require individuals scaling a 2-meter gate or fence. I think it's important to mention that in the 28+ years of owning 14 Worcester Grove this is the only one alleged instance of playful youths rather than hardened criminals acquiring access to the garden at 33 Shropshire Drive via the garden at 14 Worcester Grove.

The 3-meter fence only affects my property, Mrs. Fowler said that she asked the gentleman at 12 Worcester Grove his opinion, and he said, & he wasn't bothered by the fence, I believe he would say this as the fence doesn't affect him in anyway directly.

The additional height has only been added to the part of the fence that directly affects the fencing between 14 Worcester Grove and 33 Shropshire Drive, at the side, and bottom of Mrs. Fowlers garden, interestingly she hasn't continued the increased height to 3 meters along the entire length of fencing at the side between 33 Shropshire Drive and her next door neighbour at 35 Shropshire Drive, it's only the bottom third of the fence where my garden fencing starts?

Mrs. Fowler said that the additional height is trellis/lattice and shouldn't affect me as the light would come through and she couldn't understand what my grievance was. I reminded her that the trellis/lattice wasn't the fine thin type, it was the heavy gauge 1 inch thick type that doesn't allow that much light through.

When I mentioned that the existing 2m fence already casts a shadow and the lack of light already kills my lawn, she suggested I replace the lawn and put chippings down like she has at the bottom of her garden?

I have photographic evidence that the section of the lawn near the fence that had to be replaced again in October 2016 as it had died as it's permanently in the shade cast by the fence as it was.

She suggested that if I didn't like the look of the fence I should grow plants up the fence, but couldn't understand why I didn't like it, because it was a very neat job that her husband had done and cost her hundreds of pounds.

I deliberately don't have any trees in my garden out of consideration for my three surrounding neighbours, yet, I already have a 2-meter fence erected on my left (16 Worcester Grove) even though I'm responsible for this fence the neighbour erected it in my absence.

At the rear of the property along the 2-meter (4-foot wooden panel and 2x 1 foot concrete spacers) rear fence (35 Shropshire Drive) my neighbour has a selection of trees ranging in height from about 6 meters to 15 meters that also eliminate a large proportion of light from my small garden, they are also systematically destroying the rear fence panels, fence posts and concrete spacers, then every autumn they drop tons of leaves on to my garden and lawn.

Then finally, on the right (Mrs. Fowler at 33 Shropshire Drive), and bearing in mind I had already had and accepted the existing 2-meter fence and the problems that created for my lawn over the years, I now find that this fence has been increased to 3 meters. My rear garden is only a modest, relatively small area, that is now totally enclosed and overwhelmed by high fencing (and trees) that obliterate a lot of the light, making the ground floor rooms at the rear of the property dark and cold.

My rear garden is now like being in a prison yard, surrounded by high fences, it has very little natural light, my kitchen and dining room have become dark and cold because of the fencing restricting the natural light, I used to have a lovely garden that was a pleasure to sit out in during the summer but now besides having ongoing problems that a lack of light creates like moss on the lawn and green algae on my patio and shed the whole area has become a darker depressing area because of the lack of natural light as it's in pretty much constant shade.