

2<sup>nd</sup> March 2021

Dear Sir or Madam

**Resubmission of retrospective planning application for garden climbing wall at 191 Macclesfield Road, Whaley Bridge, SK23 7DR**

We are resubmitting our planning application following refusal of our previous application (reference PP-08977813) on 06/11/2020, and discussion with your colleague Jane Colley about the issues raised in the previous determination which would need to be addressed.

As we mentioned in our previous application, my husband and I built the climbing wall structure in our garden during the spring and summer last year (2020) as part of a garden improvement project, thinking that it fell within permitted development and did not require planning permission. We are both passionate climbers who built this garden climbing wall to enable us to continue to train for climbing through the covid-19 pandemic and beyond, now that we are parents with many more time constraints which will limit our ability to travel to climbing walls when they re-open.

We were, as I'm sure you will understand, devastated to learn that our original application had been refused as it detracted from the character and appearance of the area. Following our conversation with Jane Colley in December 2020, we understood and took on board the concerns she explained that had led to the decision. During that conversation we suggested changes we could make to the structure to address the issues which resulted in the original refusal, which Jane suggested would be worth including in a resubmitted application.

These changes involve removing the corrugated roof material and replacing it with a flat, grey felt roof and re-painting the ply sheeting which forms the visible surface of the climbing wall to properties below our house. We have suggested some possible muted colours which we hope will be considered more in keeping with the local area, but are equally happy to work with you to find the best colour to use. The proposed change to the roof material we hope, will blend in better with other houses locally which have flat slate roofs which are a similar colour to shed felt as well as garden sheds with felt roofs.

We hope that these proposed changes will address the problems identified with the existing structure and our original application, but are equally happy to discuss any other concerns you may have. We built this climbing wall as part of our garden improvement project, hoping to make it a fun and pleasant place for our family to spend our time, stay fit and play together and we really hope that we can make any changes required which will allow us to keep the structure which we have poured so much time, money and love into.

Best regards,

Mel and Rob Dyer