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Dear Corrina Clements,

Re: APP/R5510/X/22/3313833 - Bridge House, 1a Bridge Way, Ickenham, Uxbridge, UB10 8QR. Appellant Final Comments.

The LPA do not agree that the distance between the house and the highway in this case is “substantial” but we feel this distance filled with hedgerow is ample to not harm the appearance of the area. The image the LPA have attached in their statement of 02/03/23 shows that the visibility of a single storey side extension would be unsubstantial (as it would be from any view on the highway).

The LPA attached 2 applications for the inspector’s consideration which were dismissed however, the first application was partially in our favour as the inspectorate said the infill and bedroom at the back of the house was fine when the LPA had refused that too. We were able to get this approved in a separate application later by referencing what the inspectorate had said. Also, in each application we tried to reason with the LPA and address their concerns. We have tried to speak to the planning officer during each application but have found them unresponsive to calls and emails. The current officer is an apprentice. When we did manage to engage with her via email, she encouraged us to make the size of the extension bigger. She had difficulty in annotating the size we were able to annotate on a website recommended by her.

The LPA are correct that we did finally get a reply to our complaint, but the reply was not complete. The reply does not justify that our application decision was not given at the correct deadline of 16/08/22 nor agreed an extension within the correct timescale. We had to struggle at the end of Aug/22 making contact to the LPA by phone and email to get their late response and after no reply from the LPA it led us to send a formal complaint on 16/09/22 to which the LPA replied on 21/09/22 to say they would be in contact soon. This complaint was not dealt with appropriately which is why we have brought it to your attention.

No. 131 Long Lane side extension is not hidden by a fence or hedgerow like we have proposed and is also visible from the highway. This example we provided has been disregarded and is the nearest we can find. We do feel our application is being treated unfairly.

The Inspector is respectfully requested to make a fair decision on the appeal.

Thank you,

Shaida Razaq and Amjad Ali

Appellants