

SUPPORTING STATEMENT – APPLICANT

ADDRESS: 43 Middleton Circle, Bridge of Don, Aberdeen, AB22 8LF

APPLICANT: Mr & Mrs Horne

PROPOSAL: Extension of private garden ground with erection of fence, gate and steps, including change of use from amenity ground to private garden ground

The amenity ground within my extended garden continues to serve an environmental and buffer function, which has been enhanced through my stewardship.

Through my actions—such as maintaining the land, removing hazardous vegetation, and enhancing its ecological value by installing bat boxes and birdhouses—any potential concerns about the land's environmental or public function have been addressed. There is no demonstrable negative impact from my use of the ground as part of my garden.

I communicated with multiple parties, including the landowner, regarding my intention to move the fence to its current position, and at no point did I receive any objections.

Given that no complaints have been made and no harm has been demonstrated, it would be disproportionate to require the removal of the fence or undo the improvements made to the land. In fact, my use of the land has enhanced its ecological value, as bat boxes and birdhouses have been installed as part of ongoing efforts to support local biodiversity. These measures have been undertaken without causing any detriment to the public.

Pamela Horne