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Subject: RE: Works at [REDACTED] Boundary

Morning Cllr Khan,

Thanks for the email – we'll look into this as a priority today and come back to you as soon as possible.

Regards,

Rob

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Cllr Khan

Sorry to hear that there are still ongoing issues at your property. I know that Rob and planning colleagues will get back promptly to you on the specific clarification you are seeking from the Council.

Best wishes as ever

Martin

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Dear Colleagues

I want to draw your attention to an issue which has come to light yesterday on returning to my house at around 4.30pm.

I was made aware the neighbour at [REDACTED] [Person H] had began some work near the boundary with [REDACTED] I decided not to go and investigate at that time because it seemed the works were confined to [REDACTED]

On returning I went to the passage way leading to my back garden and noted the neighbour had been excavating along the boundary and removing tree stumps. [They] had ripped up significant chunks of paving belonging to [REDACTED] at one point [they have] removed at least half of the pathway. I have received mixed advice on the status of the paving. As I understand it any lifting/removing/making or damage the neighbour does to the paving is inconsequential, however, if I did the same I would be committing a criminal offence.

[They] had a security guard there who was a dog handler. When I began to ask the builder what [they] had done and why, [they] told me that I should speak to my neighbour. I advised him that I had not consented to any work on or near the boundary or to the lifting of the paving of [REDACTED] or the removal of any part of the passageway (which for me is protected but no so, it would seem for the neighbour). At that point the security guard became aggressive and began shouting at me. I said I had the right to ask the builder what [they were] doing and on whose authority. I was extremely concerned because the excavations were right up to the manhole which is connected to [REDACTED] septic tank. When I stated that there was a risk that the manhole would be destroyed the security

guard then told me that [Person H] had permission from the Council. I asked him to show me what he had and he produced a piece of paper which he claimed was an email from Paul Perry permitting the works. He would not let me read the email and said that I should contact Paul Perry to confirm. He went on to say that they had no choice but to destroy the manhole.

I am extremely disappointed with the involvement of my own Council. Whatever was written in the email of Paul Perry the neighbour has used any ambiguity to persuade the Police and a Security firm that [they have] the permission of the Council to undertake the works.

I understand the Council has no desire to become involved in this matter, however, I would ask as a minimum that I receive a letter as soon as possible this morning confirming that the Council has not granted permission for any works on the boundary and it most definitely has not granted permission for the destruction of the manhole at [REDACTED]. The neighbour should also receive such a letter.

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