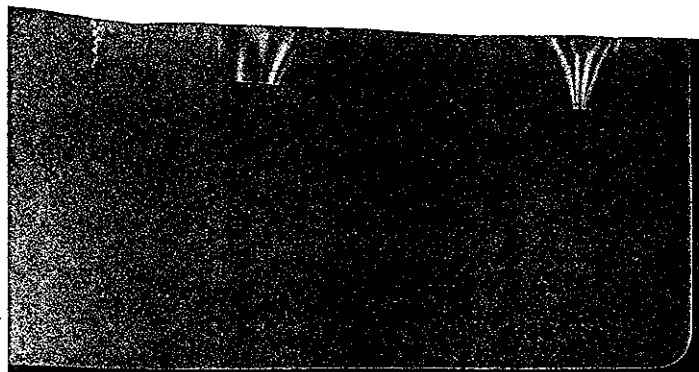




Net fence put up by Council lasted one day.
Please compare to original removed fence now that I have obtained original photos under freedom of information act.
(4 years later)



1. The fence was removed in November 2007 after damage caused by vandalism. It was removed by council workmen but it was not council property. This fence (which in the councils own letter was not put up by them) was the boundary fence, the inner one was put up to provide extra security to my property.
2. I paid for the fence that was removed by the council and it was MY property.
3. Looking at the photo's it is clear to see that the fence had been damaged by vandals but was not dilapidated and was eminently repairable.
4. Since the removal of the fence there has been damage to the inner fence and it has cost me £393 to repair it and to replace the original fence removed by the council.

The question is – why did the council remove the fence and not inform the homeowner. None of the ‘so called’ goodwill gestures i.e. posts and plants & wire have survived any length of time. I have replaced the fence and feel the council should reimburse me for this entirely unnecessary expense.

How would you feel if the council came along and removed your fence?



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4th February 2008

Dear Mr Clancy

NORTON RECREATIONAL GROUND

Thank you for your letter dated 24th January 2008, which has been referred to me by Neil Schneider, Director of Development and Neighbourhood Services, with regard to your concerns about the removal of a fence between your property and the public open space area, known locally as Norton Rec.

I have taken on board the comments that you have made in your letter as well as those feedback from Council Officers who were involved in the removal of the fence.

It appears that the fence was removed in November as a result of several incidences of vandalism. It also seems clear from my discussions with Highway staff and viewing photographs taken of the site before the fence was removed that the amount of litter and debris that had been placed in the small gap between your own boundary fence and the fence erected by the Council some years ago, that this constituted an additional combustible source which had to be removed.

The decision was taken to remove the dilapidated close boarded fence for several reasons which are as follows:

- The addition of boundary fences between public open space areas and private properties are normally considered where no existing boundary fence exists. In this case, it is clear that a large and secure close boarded fence already exists which clearly defines your property from the public open space.
- Following a site visit, it was clear that there were no other properties that border the open space which also had a secondary fence between their own fence and the open space. A visual inspection confirmed that of those properties which border the area (approximately 100 properties) all had a high fence between their property and the open space.

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 69 Norton Avenue
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- The fence was not serviceable and it was felt that replacement was not required.

You have made reference to an agreement which was made at some point in the past between the Council and the previous occupant to pay half of the costs of the secondary fence. We have been unable to locate records to indicate this agreement, however, this would not be relevant to your request as any costs incurred would have been met by the previous occupant as opposed to yourself.

~~I am previous occupant~~

In view of the incidence of general anti-social behaviour that is apparent, I propose the following course of action:

- The Council will plant a range of semi-mature whips and blackthorn type bushes which will, in time, provide an additional secondary barrier across the rear of your property.
- Contact the Council's Community Protection Team to make them aware of the damage that has been caused in order that any enforcement/anti-social behaviour staff or Police Officers are aware.

I appreciate that your preference is to reinstate the fence, however, the Council must consider requests of this nature on an individual basis, taking on board a host of considerations as detailed above. In this case, I believe that the proposed course of action provides a fair and appropriate resolution to the issue that you have raised. For your information, the planting of the vegetation will be undertaken later this month.

Yours sincerely



Craig Willows
Service Development Manager
Care For Your Area Services



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30 April 2009

Dear Mrs. Clancy

RE: 69 Norton Avenue, Fence – Complaint 3379

With reference to your complaint dated 20th March 2009, regarding the above.

I would like to apologise for any distress that this issue is causing yourself, however I would like to take this opportunity to advise yourself of the Councils view on this matter.

- The Council are unable to locate any record of an agreement with any Officers or ex-Councillors with regard to an agreement for shared costs on the installation of a secondary fence between 69 Norton Avenue and Norton Recreation ground.
- Policy and general operational practice have changed, and the Council no longer erects boundary fences between private dwellings and areas of opens space unless specific circumstances require it
- The reason that the secondary fence, was removed was because a large amount of debris had been placed in-between the two fences which had been set alight by persons unknown. The fence was in a dangerous condition therefore the only appropriate course of action was to remove the fence.
- The Council compromised by planting whips and other similar thorny shrubs in order to form a 'natural barrier' to discourage youths in the area. These were removed by persons unknown on two occasions, on both occasions replanting was carried out by the Council.
- When it became clear that this resolution was not going to work, The Council again compromised by making a further goodwill gesture, by erecting new timber fence posts and securing mesh fencing onto both the existing and new posts – this was something which we wouldn't normally do but did so to provide general assistance to the residents concerns.
- It is not sustainable for the Council to keep re-erecting secondary fences when the property is already served by a 6ft boundary fence – The Council will not be carrying out any further fencing works at this location, however we will raise this issue once again with the Community Protection Team. I would like to advise that you contact the local police in regard to the evidential vandalism.

I can only apologise for the inconvenience that this has caused you and hope that we can close this matter. If you have any correspondence which may have any further bearing on this matter I would welcome copies being forwarded onto myself in order that further consideration can be given to this matter.

I am satisfied that the matter has been investigated fully and the appropriate responses have been given, however if you would like to discuss this matter further please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully

Mr. R Bradley
Care For Your Area Services Manager

cc - SBC, DANS Complaints Department

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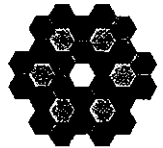
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A: Property Register

This register describes the land and estate comprised in the title.

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- 1 (17.10.1972) The Freehold land shown edged with red on the plan of the above Title filed at the Registry and being 69 Norton Avenue, Norton, (TS20 2JR).
- 2 (24.03.2003) The land has the benefit of but is subject to the rights granted by a Deed dated 8 August 1972 made between (1) John George Brown (2) Norman Brown and Margaret Brown and (3) The Halifax Building Society.

NOTE: Copy filed.

B: Proprietorship Register

This register specifies the class of title and identifies the owner. It contains any entries that affect the right of disposal.

Title absolute

- 1 (31.01.1997) PROPRIETOR: STEPHEN CLANCY of 69 Norton Avenue, Norton, Stockton-on-Tees TS20 2JR.
- 2 (31.01.1997) The Transfer to the proprietor contains a covenant to observe and perform the covenants referred to in the Charges Register and of indemnity in respect thereof.

C: Charges Register

This register contains any charges and other matters that affect the land.

- 1 A Conveyance of the land in this title dated 8 April 1927 made between (1) Stockton-on-Tees Corporation (Corporation) and (2) John Frederick

These are the notes referred to on the following official copy

The electronic official copy of the title plan follows this message.

Please note that this is the only official copy we will issue. We will not issue a paper official copy.

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C: Charges Register continued

Weedon (Purchaser) contains the following covenants:-

"The Purchaser to the intent that this covenant shall be binding so far as may be on the owner for the time being of the hereditaments hereby assured but upon the Purchaser only so long as he is the owner of the same hereditaments hereby covenants with the Corporation that the Purchaser and his successors in title will at all times hereafter observe and perform the following restrictions and stipulations namely:

(a) Not at any time to use the said parcel of land and hereditaments for the sale of intoxicating liquors or in such a manner as to be a nuisance to the owners or occupiers of neighbouring property

(b) Not to make any alteration in the elevation of the said messuage and buildings or any addition thereto without the consent in writing of the Corporation

(c) Not to use the messuage or any other building erected upon the said parcel of land hereby granted or any part thereof for any other purpose than that of a private dwellinghouse only without the consent in writing of the Corporation

(d) Not to keep any pigeons poultry pigs or other similar live stock upon the said hereditaments and premises without the consent in writing of the Corporation

(e) Not to use the messuage or any building erected on the said parcel of land hereby assured for the purpose of housing persons in his employment

The Corporation reserve the right to modify waive or release any restrictions or stipulations relating to adjoining or neighbouring land whether imposed or entered into before or at the same time as or after the date hereof and whether they are the same as the restrictions and stipulations in this deed contained or not including any restrictions and stipulations which may become binding on the Corporation by virtue of this deed"

2 (31.01.1997) REGISTERED CHARGE dated 20 December 1996 to secure the moneys therein mentioned.

NOTE: See the entry below altering the priority of this charge.

3 (31.01.1997) Proprietor: JANET ELSIE CLANCY of 6 Amble View, Norton, Stockton-on-Tees.

4 (03.10.2008) REGISTERED CHARGE dated 25 September 2008.

NOTE: See the entry below altering the priority of this charge.

5 (03.10.2008) Proprietor: NATIONWIDE BUILDING SOCIETY of Nationwide House, Pipers Way, Swindon L SN38 1NW.

6 (03.10.2008) The proprietor of the Charge dated 25 September 2008 referred to above is under an obligation to make further advances. These advances will have priority to the extent afforded by section 49(3) Land Registration Act 2002.

7 (03.10.2008) The charge dated 25 September 2008 referred to above has priority to the charge dated 20 December 1996 referred to above.

End of register

H.M. LAND REGISTRY

TITLE NUMBER

TES 22496 ^{29.}

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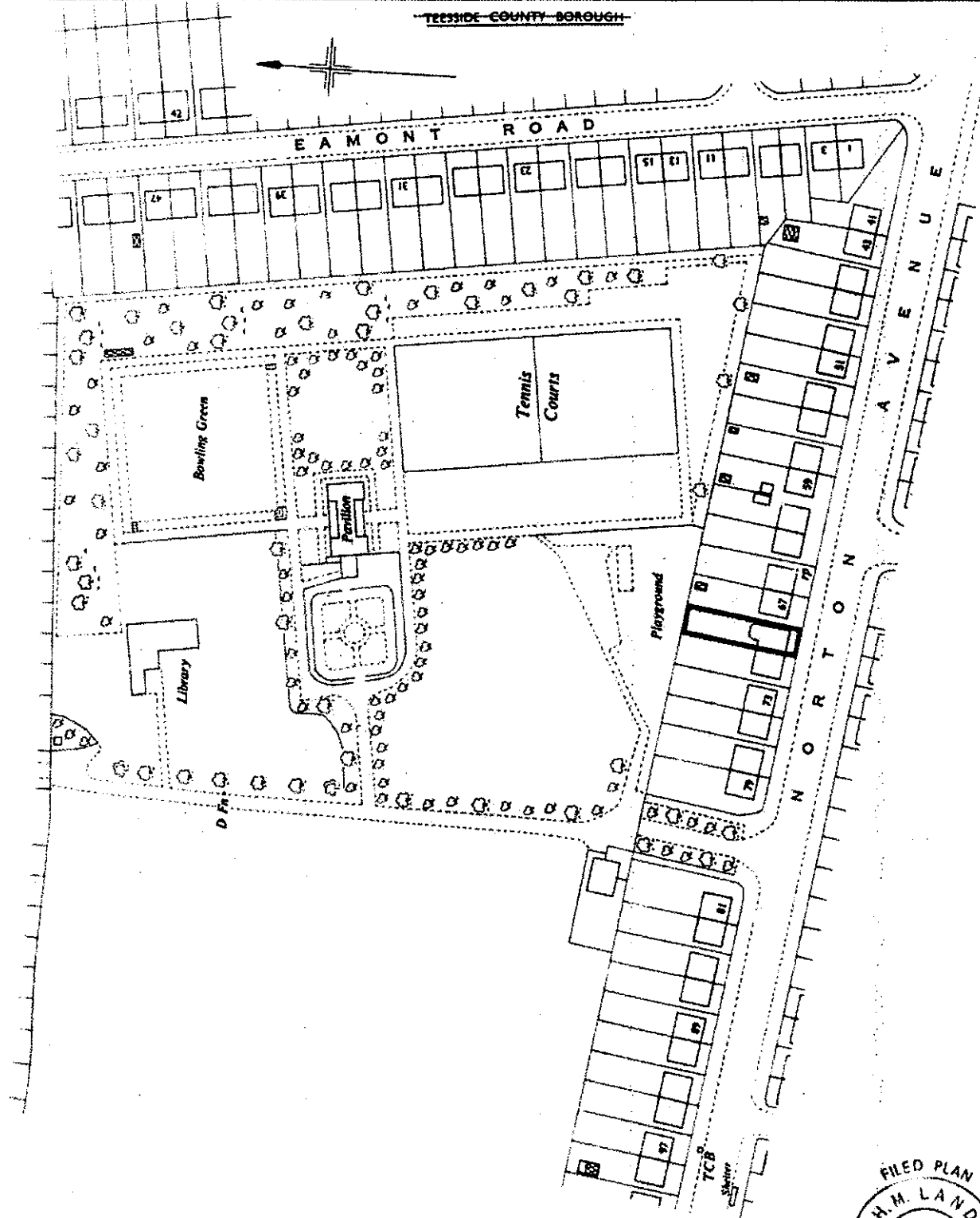
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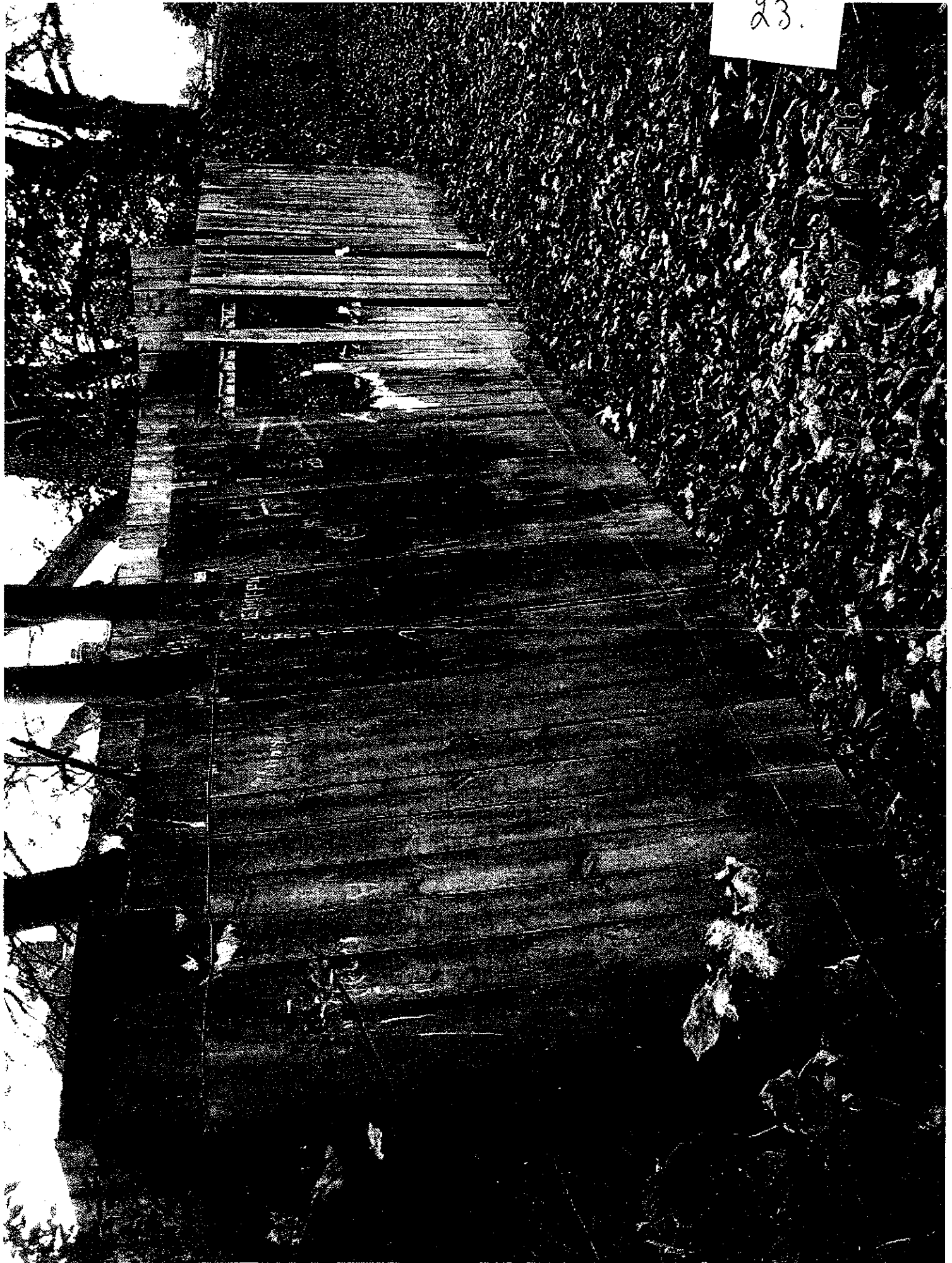
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11 November 2011

Dear Mrs Clancy

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000 - INFORMATION REQUEST 8545

Thank you for your letter received on 17 October 2011, requesting information regarding changes to policy and general operational practices within the Council's Direct Services Department.

Following your request for information I am now able to advise the following.

In terms of providing information on details/history of the changes in policy detailed in your request, a policy document which states specifically the information you requested does not exist although I can advise we would not erect boundary fences in locations such as those in Norton Avenue / Norton Recreation Ground. There is no general obligation for the Council to fence boundaries; however there are some circumstances when fences have to be erected. These are usually due to Health and Safety matters, such as alongside railways, highways, disused mines and preventing livestock from straying; the area where your property is located does not fall into any of these criteria.

Should you have any queries regarding the information provided or if you are unhappy about the service you have received, please do not hesitate to contact me as detailed below. Alternatively you can make a complaint by contacting our Customer Comments Department, Customer Comments, Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council, PO BOX 660, Municipal Buildings, Church Road, Stockton-on-Tees, TS18 1WY or via email Haveyoursay@stockton.gov.uk

Further information regarding the Freedom of Information Act is available from the Information Commissioner at <http://www.ico.gov.uk/>

Kind Regards

Chris Davey
Business Support Officer
Development and Neighbourhood Services
Stockton on Tees Borough Council

Mrs J Clancey
6 Amble View
Norton
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Your Ref:

Our Ref: F0712677

Date: 12th January 2012

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Fire Incident – Norton Avenue, Norton Grange, Stockton
Date – 4th November 2007

Dear Mrs Clancy

Receipt is acknowledged of your recent letter and telephone call in respect of the above incident; please find attached the incident log which details our attendance. Should you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

J Richards

Julie Richards
Corporate Support Manager

*Spoke to Miss Richards on the 15.1.2012
She said because the fire was only a
'Rubbish fire' there was no 'Incident Report'
Call out from fire station 14.49 PM.
Incident closed 15.28 PM. 4-11-2007*



Incident Log 12677

TYPE: >F3, FENCE

RISK:

STREET/ROAD: >NORTON AVE_NORTON GRANGE_STON

AREA/TOWN:

ADDITIONAL INFO: NR TO NO 69

Match

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MAP REF: 31/4400021302 PDA REF: B10200 STN: B RISK: C
SPROC No: PUMPS MOB: 0 ZONE CODE:
STD ATT: WRL, WRT

INCIDENT No: 12677
REMARKS No:

Advisory: NORTON ROAD

1+B1	WRL HS	6 G1	WRL MA	11 H1	WRL HS	16 B5	ET HS
2+B3	WRT HS	7 A3	WRT CI	12 I3	WRT HS	17 A6	HP MA
3 E3	WRT MA	8 A1	WRL MA	13 I1	WRL MA	18 C4	UNI HS
4 E1	WRL SA	9 K3 a	WRT OF	14 C3	WRT MA	19	
5 G3	WRT MA	10 F2	WRT MA	15 C1	WRL HS	20	

SEND: B3
SEND:

#NEW_INC 14:49:51 04/11/07
#PDA_RETR 14:50:29 04/11/07
#SEND 14:50:31 04/11/07

APPLIANCE STATUS...
B3 HS AV -> OI NA

TURNOUT...
SEND: B3
SEND:

14:50:34 04/11 MW SUPVR 03

#Aid info...

REF: FSI (88) VALID: 11/06 OPLOG: WMW
REF: FSI (143) VALID: 03/06 OPLOG: WDC
REF: FSI (133) VALID: 03/07 OPLOG: GJH
14:50:34 04/11 MW SUPVR 03
#UAR B3;MI NA;;- 14:50 04/11;
14:50:56 04/11/07 ** MEI B3

#UCI B3
CALLER: (Last Pump Removed From Incident)
14:51:00 04/11 MW SUPVR 03
14:51:19 04/11 STN B - ACK BUTTON RECEIVED Inc 12677 (Term 3)

#UCI B3
IN THE BLUE HALL RECK
14:51:40 04/11 MW SUPVR 03
#UAR B3;CI NA;;- 14:52 04/11;
14:52:51 04/11/07 ** MEI B3

#UCI B3
INFORM TWO SMALL FIRES ONE IS A CONT BURN AND THE OTHER IS BEING EXTIN BY
BUCKETS (DELIBERATE)
14:55:56 04/11 MW SUPVR 03

#UCI B3
STOP F3:5 Mins
14:58:31 04/11/07 ** MEI B3

#STOP 14:58
14:58:31 04/11/07 ** MEI B3

#UAR B3;MA AV;;- 15:10 04/11;
15:10:19 04/11/07 ** MEI B3

#DEPLETED (Last Pump Removed From Incident)
15:10:19 04/11/07 -- INCS 00

15:28:29 04/11 Closing incident...
#DETAILS: F3 RUBBISH FFA DELIBERATE 04/11/07 WGF
INCIDENT CLOSED.
15:28:29 04/11 GF SUPVR 01

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