

Rose Cottage
High Street
Cuckfield
RH17 5EN

To: Planning Department
Mid Sussex District Council
Oaklands Road
Haywards Heath
West Sussex
RH16 1SS

17/05/2026

Dear Sir or Madam,

Re: Planning Application for Boundary Fence and Vehicular Gates at Rose Cottage, High Street, Cuckfield (DM/26/1036 and DM/26/1040)

This statement supports the retrospective application for the retention of a timber feather-edge fence and gate along the side boundary of the property.

1. Purpose and Security Need

The fence and gate were installed following a burglary at the property (police crime reference [insert]). The works were undertaken as a **proportionate and immediate response** to a genuine security incident (crime ref: 604 – 26/07/2025), ensuring the safety and privacy of the occupiers.

The side boundary is overlooked by parked vehicles, which create direct views into the garden. The fence is set back 2.4 metres from the kerb and softened by existing planting.

2. Location and Visibility

- The fence is located along a **secondary side boundary**, not the principal frontage.
- It is adjacent to the modern 1950s extension and **not visible from the High Street**.
- Constructed in traditional timber feather-edge boarding, the fence is visually recessive and sympathetic to the property's character.