

**To Planning Department at Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council**



**Application No.** 6/2016/1603/EM

**Date of Refusal:** 28 September 2016

**Development:** Retention of existing drive

**At location:** 19 Fearnley Road, Welwyn Garden City, AL8 6HW

Dear Sir,

Further to above refusal decision, I understand that I have the right to appeal based on the refusal letter and I would like to appeal this decision based on the reasons below for the Council's Estate Management Scheme Appeals Panel to reconsider my application.

Firstly, it is natural fact that my household has two cars to share between my wife who does school runs and other activities and me who need a vehicle to communicate to work. The drive way of 19 Fearnley Road only can facilitate one car, therefore, we need to extend my front drive in order for me to park both of my cars.

Secondly, I was considering to park the second car on the street, however, there is parking restriction on my street where NO cars are allowed to park tween 9am – 11am, Monday – Saturday, I understand and appreciate that this is to stop people parking their cars and communicate to train station, however, there is no permit system in place and I cannot park my car on my street, therefore, I have to extend my existing drive way to facilitate both of my cars.

Thirdly, due to the size and layout of my front garden, there is no space for me to extend the drive way in vertically way, therefore, I have to extend my front drive in horizontal way. In addition, I have consulted with professional driveway people, I have been advised that my plan is the absolute minimum extension space to allow parking two cars.

Finally, I have observed the whole Fearnley Road, it appears to me that there are a few houses where extended their driveway, and their hard landing are more than 50%, it appears to me that this is more and more becomes a common practise, and it should be reconsidered the Estate Management Scheme where it is obviously there is a need on this street. I would also like to ask you to reconsider because this Estate Management Scheme is more than 60 years old, and our modern life has changed significantly, especially our transportation.

Overall, I would like the Panel to reconsider the decision for my front driveway, as my plan is absolute necessary and it appears this is the only way to resolve my parking issue.

Yours Sincerely

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