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Dear Mr Haigh

Thank you for your letter dated 23rd March 2017 outlining your reasons for the refusal of (application No 6/2016/2572/E) formation of hardstanding. I would like to express my disappointment in your decision to refuse my application and put forward my views.

As a resident in Kirklands, I find it almost impossible to park during the day and over night. This is due to residents from Knightsfield and staff from the local primary school taking up valuable parking spaces. As a result leaving me no choice but to park up at the local shops in the Shoplands car park.

There is also an ongoing issue during school drop off in the morning between 8:30 am and 9:10am, 11:45 -12:15 lunchtime, and after school pick up between 3:00pm and 3:30. There are always cars parked along the grass verge in front of the residents houses in the street. This problem is not only inconsiderate to the people who live in the street, but it is also a danger to children/school children crossing the road.

I recently visited several of my local neighbours to ask if they had any objections to my request of a driveway. Each one of them were in favour of me having a driveway stating that by having a driveway would make the road much safer as other cars would no longer be able to park up on the verge, therefore, reducing any risk of danger.

I am also considering buying an electric powered car. In order for this, I would need off road parking with a charging point. Without my driveway way, a private space to park outside my property, I will be unable to charge my car. Electric powered cars are becoming increasingly popular and environmentally friendly which I am all in favour of.

I am writing to ask you to reconsider your decision. I appreciate how you want to preserve the hedgerow within the street. I have made some observations and see that several breaks in the hedgerow on both sides of the street, taken from other private driveways as well as the surrounding school area. If you granted me the consent, I would reduce the loss of hedge from 3.5m to 2.5m and plant a new hedge to suite all around the driveway of approximately 9m.

I have spoken to Harry Bowen my local Sherrard Ward Councillor who has agreed to take my comments on board.

I thank you for your time and attention regarding my application and look forward to hearing from you in due course.

Kind Regards,

Mr John Cunningham

