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Dear Sirs

Highfield House, 6 Hemsworth Walk, Ripon
Applications 21/02744/FUL and 21/02745/LB
Retrospective planning permission for the installation of post and rail fencing to demarcate ownership boundaries and vehicular access road to rear courtyard.

Ripon Civic Society opposes these applications because they seek to formalise means of enclosure of an unacceptable quality and standard regarding the setting of a listed building and detrimental to the character of the Conservation Area on account of the visual harm to the setting of Highfield House, a Grade II listed building.

The Design and Access Statement explains that the fencing was erected for site management and security purposes and would have been removed once work was completed. The attempt to argue that post and rail fencing is an acceptable permanent measure is simply opportunist and totally unacceptable.

In addition we must draw to your attention the exterior lighting to Highfield House and obtrusive LED lighting around the perimeter of the parking area (see photo below). These are detrimental to the listed building especially bearing in mind that it is in residential use and to the amenity of neighbours. Enforcement action should be taken for their removal.

Yours faithfully,

Christopher Hughes

Chairman, Ripon Civic Society

