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Dear Sirs

Appeal Refs: APP/E2734/APP/E2734/W/21/3285869 & APP/E2734/Y/21/3285958APP/E2734/

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.

You will have received copy of the Society's representation against these applications. I should repeat that 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.

In addition to the above it is important to specify that the character of the setting of Highfield House was that of open parkland and needs to be restored as such as a matter of urgency. There is no obvious need to demarcate the vehicular access road to the courtyard properties. We have some anxiety that the permanent introduction of a means of enclosure in this properly open land might suggest potential for future more extensive sub-division as a precursor for development.

Yours faithfully,

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Chair, Ripon Civic Society