

The Old Post Office  
Main St.  
Sibford Gower  
Banbury  
Oxon  
OX15 5RT

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Head of Public Protection & Development Management  
Planning, Housing & Economy,  
Cherwell District Council,  
Bodicote House,  
Bodicote,  
Banbury,  
OX15 4AA

**Re: 15/00810/F Stone Walls Bonds End Lane**

Dear Sirs,

The land to the east of the above application is part of our garden at the Old Post Office on Main Street. Where these two properties join there is a retaining wall holding back our garden this height difference fluctuates but is around 2000mm at the present extension, the east wall of the present extension also forms part of this retaining wall. On our side of the retaining wall, to the east of Stone Walls is a very mature holly hedge measuring around 2700mm in height (around 1900mm above the present extension) this has been there for well over forty years as well as adding security, forms an important wind break for our garden, as the prevailing wind comes from the south west.

Because of this hedge and the higher ground level of our garden this means that the development will not be seen from our land and therefore has no visual impact, consequently we have no objections on these grounds. However we do have concerns about the impact of any development on the stability of the retaining wall we feel that the wall should be left intact as much as possible and not weakened or undermined in any way, as a result of this development.

The other concern we have is the intention to install a wood burning stove to the east of the development this is next to the hedge and the flue of will be under the height of the hedge we believe that this is a fire hazard due to the nature of holly, we also believe the heat from the flue would be detrimental to the future health of the hedge. We would ask that the wood burner and flue be positioned so that the outlet is on the western side of the development to maximise the distance between it and the hedge.

We hope that you will consider these concerns carefully when coming to your judgment.

Yours faithfully

Mollie Mulley  
Luke Mulley