

## **Project Rationale**

The rationale for wanting to create a driveway is threefold.

The first reason stems from the lack of parking available outside of the house, and the fact that we have a young son. Currently we have to park across the road and walk across with our two-year-old child. When carrying things such as shopping etc, this can be a little scary at times as the road can be busy, and our son is too young to have real road sense. We are now expanding our family, and expecting a second child in May. I feel more than ever that crossing the road will become even more of a risk going forward. This is a worry that is impacting on our wellbeing, and we believe the safest option would be to be able to enter the drive and secure the gates behind us before releasing our children from the car.

We do have a single parking space around the back of the house; however, this is used by my partner Robbie for two reasons. Firstly, he is a brick-mason, and his van is full of tools. To leave his van on the street will leave him vulnerable to thieves. More importantly, the track to the parking space is very narrow and between two gable ends. In order to safely carry our growing family, we now have a Volkswagen Tiguan and I am unable to confidently fit this vehicle in between the gap.

The final reason stems from our desire to reduce our carbon footprint and eventually invest in an electric vehicle. To be able to do this we will need to have a charging point on the driveway. Again, the ability to achieve this will require an extension to the already existing dropped kerb and the formation of a permeable parking space.