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To Whom It May Concern,

Re Partial Online Application with reference: PP-01910659

Please find enclosed my application re: land adjoining 138 Sackup Lane and the Kingsway junction.

I would like to apply to change the use of this land to domestic use. Not only to benefit us personally, but in order to improve the view of the area for our neighbours and others living in the surrounding area.

The area of grass in question is currently not used for anything in particular, however the bench which is situated on the very edge of the land, does attract groups of teenagers who constantly litter the area with empty alcohol bottles and food waste/wrapping. The area is also used to allow dogs to foul. This is never cleaned up, and usually results in myself and my partner clearing up the mess.

We propose to fence off the area (which is already grassed) with a standard-height fence in a light oak colour, to remain sympathetic to the colour of our house windows and doors. We would then simply wish to re-lawn and weed the area, and plant shrubs and flowers within the fenced-off area, to make it more appealing for us and for passers-by.

Upon speaking with the very helpful Andrea Jackson mid 2011, we established that although the council maintain this area of land, they do not own it (it had been adopted by highways) and therefore they could not 'sell' the land to us. Andrea suggested that we complete a full planning application to apply for change of use of land in order to then begin looking after this land as part of our own property. We do not propose to build on this land.

We also talked with Andrea about the issue of the bench which is already on this land. We would if necessary, in order to support the application, agree to fence behind the bench, allowing this to remain in place for walkers etc. Although, ideally we would like the bench to be relocated or removed in light of the littering that is caused in the area because of it.

I have since spoken with Laura Bibby who has been extremely helpful in advising me which forms I need to complete and what additional information I should provide.

My solicitor has done several searches on the land to establish if there are in fact any current owners, and these searches have not returned any findings. We have recently had a public notice

printed in the Barnsley Chronicle (30.03.12) asking for any owners to come forward. Again, this has returned no findings.

I am sure you will agree that we have done everything we can to find any potential owners of this land, to no avail.

I also hope that you will see, our plans to change the use of land would be in the interests of all concerned:

- 1) An extension to our existing garden.
- 2) A more appealing view to the neighbours and passers-by if we were to maintain this land and plant shrubs and flowers.
- 3) Less cost to the council as they would no longer have to maintain the area.
- 4) An elimination of littering and dog fouling.
- 5) A proactive approach to reduce or eliminate anti-social behaviour in the area.

Please note the payment of £335 has been submitted online under the aforementioned application reference. Due to the incorrect certificate being generated online, I have now applied in writing as advised by Laura Bibby.

Thank you in advance for your time and kind consideration.

If you need any further information or clarification please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind Regards,



Miss K Loukes

PLEASE
NOTE :: Copy of the Chronicle Public Notice
to follow.

Also, specification of fencing to be
confirmed.