Marula, Fairbrook Lawn, Rathfarnham, Dublin 14. D14N4A3. 28/9/2022

Planning Officer, Planning Dept., South Dublin County Council, County Hall, Tallaght, Dublin 24.

Re: Planning Permission to remove Roller-shutter gate at end of back laneway and into rear of back garden and to replace with timber gates at Marula, Fairbrook Lawn, Rathfarnham, Dublin 14, D14N4A3.

I would like to apply for Planning Permission as outlined above and as shown in the accompanying drawings.

We purchased this house around 4 years ago. The rear of the laneway fronting onto our back garden had a block wall when we purchased the house. The fact that there was a few rear entrance gates into adjoining and nearby back gardens led us to assume that there was probably a rear gate into our back garden at one time many years ago and it had been just blocked off. We then proceeded to erect a Roller-shutter gate to give us entry into our back garden if we ever required it.

We were unaware that we needed Planning Permission to erect this gate and apologise for this oversight.

As you are aware we have recently received an Enforcement Notice (S8250) from SDCC to "remove the said Roller shutter gate and reinstate block wall".

We now wish to apply for Planning Permission to remove this metal Rollershutter gate and wish to replace it with a more eco-friendly Timber gates as shown on the accompanying Plans.

At present the end of the lane is being used to store some cars and trailers and has also become an overgrown dumping area.

So we feel with nice entry gates fitted into our back garden, this would hopefully clear the end of the laneway and make entry into the rear gardens in this area accessible to neighbouring residents at all times.

Also we have a small timber shed temporarily erected on blocks to the front of our house and we will move this to a more suitable location to rear of our house in the back garden.

I trust that you find our application acceptable and that you will look on it sympathetically.

Yours Sincerely

Ben Kilrov