

## Lissa Rowan

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Lissa

Thank you for your email of last week keeping me updated.

Unsurprisingly, the only representation that has been received comes from my neighbour at No 62. As a matter of fact, the distance is about 9m (not 8m as he states) to the recently added extension to no 62. When I arrived in Findhorn 30 years ago the distance would have been considerably greater. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Being at the end of the strip, there is quite a distance between our houses, and it is now clear that it was his expectation when purchasing No 62 that the land between the front of his house and the back of mine was available for his amenity; however, I do happen to have a back garden, which I use to cultivate organic vegetables .... and he is not interested.

Findhorn is a wee fishing village where the distances between the houses are small. The distance between my house and his is on the top end for Findhorn, and there are many other houses where the distance is *much* smaller (the front of No 61 and the back of No 63 have less than 4m between them), yet there are windows of clear glass overlooking one another. Bearing this in mind, would you not deem that the imposed condition for *frosted glass* is discriminatory?

I am of the opinion that planners use the distance of 4 metres as a guide for windows in relation to boundaries. This being the case, the 8-9 meters between my window and that of my neighbour in No 62 would meet this designation. The character of this area of Findhorn is for closely grouped houses together with very little in the way of privacy but people choose to live in this much sought after village knowing that windows and properties are very close together.

There is at present a planning application (20/00348/APP) to erect a wee fence on my property boundary 0.9m high with a minimal visual impact, to protect my garden from vehicular traffic. I could have the height changed to 1.8m and make it a screen, which would block off his property from sight; however, it would be unsightly and my neighbours would not be happy. Unlike [REDACTED], I do respect my neighbours' feelings.

I feel privileged living in a place like Findhorn, and being able to enjoy wildlife that I would never in a big city. Quite apart from back windows allowing more light into my kitchen and lounge, frosted glass would not only reduce the amount of light, but would deprive me of the pleasure of being able to see the birds in my garden as well as watching the plants grow day by day. I can only reiterate what I have stated above, that imposing such a condition (ie frosted glass) is not only discriminatory, but that the owner of No 62 should never have chosen to come to a wee village like Findhorn in the first place, were privacy such an important issue to him.

Kind Regards - Martin Lusty