

Laura Jones
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Dear Laura Jones,

You have asked me to conduct a review of a new fence installation at your home address, 7 BARDSEY CLOSE, ST JULIANS, NEWPORT and comment on it from a roads policing perspective as to whether it has any impact or safety implications on the highway.

I am currently a Police Sergeant on the Roads Policing & Specialist Operations department, in Gwent Police. I regularly deal with road traffic related matters, give advice & guidance around road safety and work in partnership with local authorities.

In order to assist my review, you supplied me with two photographs, which show the area prior to the fence installation and completion of the fence installation.

I have also been able to utilise Google Maps Streetview, which provides imagery of the location from September 2023.

Pre fence installation, showing hedgerow along the wall, adjacent to the pavement. Top image supplied by Laura Jones / Bottom image Google maps (September 2023)



Post fence installation, showing wooden fence erected along the wall, adjacent to the pavement.



Prior to you erecting a fence, I can see there were bushes in place around the wall edge area, which were dense and appeared to have grown out towards the pavement area. You have replaced this with a wooden fencing, which follows the boundary wall in its entirety and does not protrude on to the pavement.

To ensure transparency, I conducted a physical site visit on the 8th of MAY 2025 at 16:00 hours. It was a dry & sunny at the time of my visit. There was minimal foot or vehicle traffic in the area, which I put down to it being a small residential area and the fact that BARDSEY CLOSE is a signposted dead-end, with no through road. The speed limit on the road is 20MPH and the road layout does not allow for speeds in excess of this.

As I entered BARDSEY CLOSE, I could see your property on the junction with HAYLING CLOSE, which is also a dead-end street.

Travelling along BARDSEY CLOSE, with your property to the nearside, I can confirm that your fencing had no impact on the road itself and no impact on visibility ahead. In addition to this, it has not obstructed the pavement either, which ensures pedestrians have full access to the pavement preventing them from having to walk on the road. Whilst the bushes their previously did not block the pavement in its entirety, they would have forced pedestrians to walk nearer to the pavement edge, next to the road, which is not preferable.

Travelling along BARDSEY CLOSE, with your property to the offside, I can confirm that your fencing had no impact on the road itself and no impact on visibility ahead. In fact, when travelling in this direction, the fencing has allowed for a clearer view of the T-Junction with HAYLING CLOSE. To evidence this, I have used GOOGLE MAPS STREET VIEW. The image captured is from September 2023, prior to your purchase of the property.

View of T-JUNCTION, HAYLING CLOSE, September 2023, with the view of the junction partially obscured by the bushes.



View of T-JUNCTION, HAYLING CLOSE, May 2025, with the view of the junction improved.



In summary, the removal of the bushes and installation of a fence has had a positive impact on road safety in the area.

The removal has resulted in more space for pedestrians to use the pavement, which ensures they do not need to go near the road when walking in that area, which is especially prevalent for pushchair and wheelchair users.

The work has made the T-Junction more open to vehicle traffic, allowing for a better view into the junction and out of the junction.

In addition, the fence provides security for your address, meaning that nothing can exit on to the road from your garden area, reducing the number of hazards to road users.

If you need anything else from me regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to ask.

Kind Regards

Police Sergeant 1759 Harris.