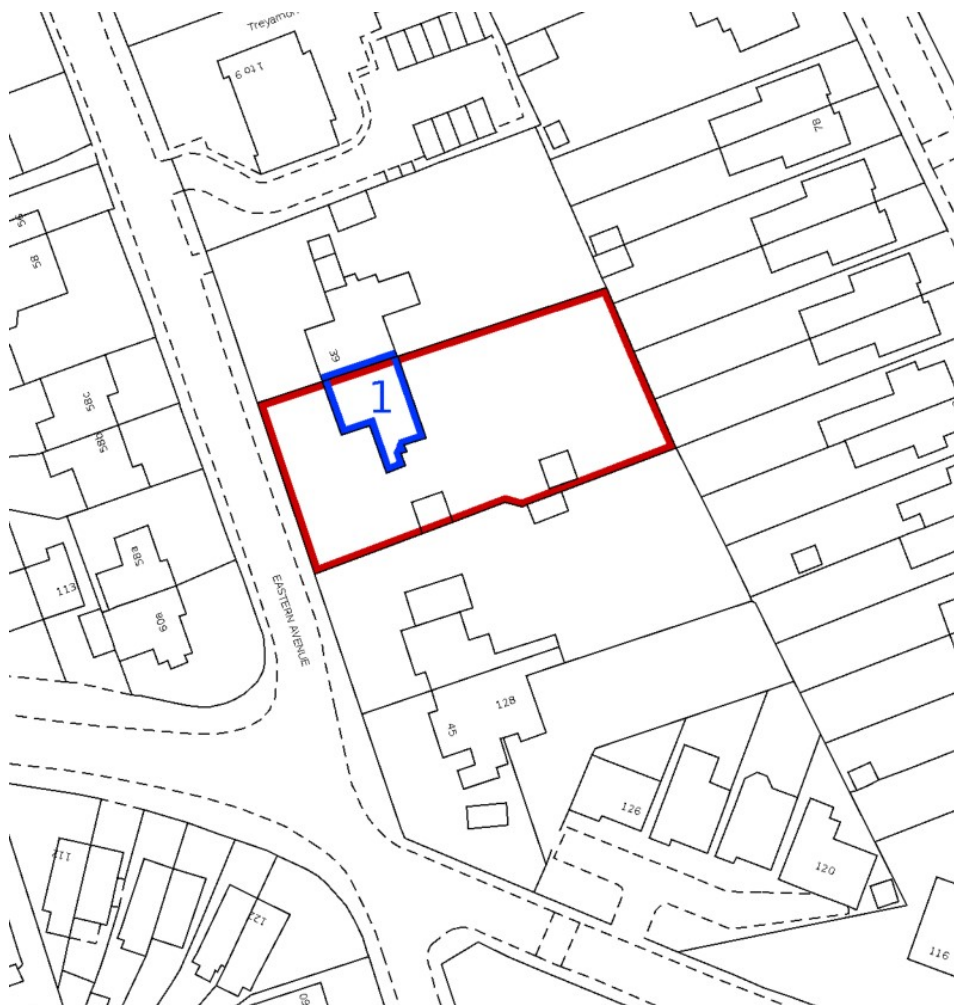


**Heritage Statement for the proposed
new rear boundary wall at 41a Eastern Avenue, Reading
for Mr Ali Akbar.**

Site Location

The location of the property is at the “top end” of the northern section of Eastern Avenue approximately 50 yards at its junction with the Erleigh Road.



The Property

The property is a Grade II listed building which was listed on the Historic England database reference 1248720 on 25th August 1987.

The Proposal.

The applicant Mr Ali Akbar intends to construct a new rear boundary wall for security and aesthetic reasons. The wall itself will be constructed in bricks in texture and colour as close as possible to the bricks used in the boundary wall between the property the adjoining property at no. 39 Eastern Avenue. Buttress piers will also be constructed as indicated on the drawings and of a similar design to this wall. The wall itself will be finished at a height no higher than the boundary wall at the southern end of the property at number 86 Hamilton Road as indicated on the drawings.



The boundary wall between nos. 39 and 41a Eastern Avenue



The boundary wall between nos. 86 and 88 Hamilton Road, Reading.

The Principle of Development.

The existing Listed Building itself will not be altered or extended as part of this planning application. The principal reason for the construction of the boundary wall is purely cosmetic and for security reasons. There is no real barrier between the property and those adjacent at nos. 82, 84 and 86 Bulmershe Road. There is a section of wrought iron railings between nos. 82 and 84 Bulmershe Road as indicated on the photograph below and no barrier between nos. 86 Bulmershe Road and the property itself as shown in the photograph above.



Existing trees.

The applicant is presently engaging an arboricultural consultant to prepare a tree survey for the two adjacent trees located within the rear garden. Their findings will be prepared along with a Root Protection design for the foundations. This can be forwarded to the planning authority during the processing of the application or be made as a condition on any approval notice, if granted.

In conclusion

We believe that the wall subject to the advice of the local authority arboricultural consultant is an improvement on the existing untidiness of this boundary line and the proposal matches boundary walls of a similar design throughout the rear of the gardens at Eastern Avenue and Bulmershe Road.

Mr Richard Fenn
1st February 2023