

5 Eastern Avenue, Reading RG1 5RU
Householder – Replacement Fencing (in a conservation area)

Proposal

To replace previous fencing adjoining the highway with new fencing to same height plus trellis above and on the return in towards the garden for 1m. Also to install gates in front of garage.

This application is to regularise what has already been installed as we were not aware that the new fencing would require planning approval.

Features

Unlike virtually all other houses on Eastern Avenue the garden to 5 Eastern Avenue is on the side of the property with no garden at all to the rear of the property. The rear wall of the property abuts the bottoms of the gardens of properties in Hamilton Road. A recent side extension to the property required removal of the previous fencing and hedge. This application is to regularise the installation of new fencing and a set of gates to allow access to the garage in the garden of the property. Also a feature to be taken into consideration is that the garden of the property is 18 inches higher than the pavement level and so we are looking for an acceptable solution that will retain enough privacy for recreational use of the garden whilst meeting planning approval.

Access

There is access to the garden through a side gate and new access created through a set of double gates to the garage frontage.

Scale / Appearance

This proposal would keep the height of the new fencing to the same height as the previous fencing and in place of the hedge has trellis above the fencing on which we will grow greenery to provide privacy. We had planned to paint the fencing and posts either all grey or all brown (as previous fencing) to make the tone of the fencing sympathetic to the area but after being required to put in a planning application we decided to wait and see whether there is any preference or requirement.

The reason for using concrete fencing posts rather than timber posts (as in the previous fence) is because of the difference in garden height compared to the pavement, which means that the posts are constantly in contact with the ground and our experience has been that the timber posts rot very quickly.

Other notes pertinent to the application

We have had at least two attempted burglaries (that we know about due to damage caused) at the rear side of our property, hence security is a significant concern

We are aware that drug dealing was happening in the driveway to our garage when that area was open to the road and hence one of the reasons we decided to put gates in across that entrance.