

11 Durham Gardens: Front Garden

As can be seen from the block plan, most of our garden is at the front of the house. We use the front garden more like a back garden. It is south facing, and there is a patio, with patio doors to the lounge. There is a vegetable garden at the far end, where we would like to build a shed. We would also like to make the front garden more private by making alterations to part of the western boundary fence.

The existing boundary treatment to the west of the front garden is primarily a 1.2m high chain link fence. To the south of the gateway, this is backed by a hornbeam hedge. Along the boundary with 10 Durham Gardens, there is a 0.68m high stone-effect wall running alongside the fence. (See photos 1 and 2.)

No gates are currently fitted, but there were originally 5-bar timber gates, with a height of around 1.2m rising to around 1.5m at the hanging stile. (See photo 3.)

Along the boundary with 10 Durham Gardens, we intend to replace the chain link fence with a 1.83m high closeboard fence above the existing low wall, as permitted by the regulations. We are seeking permission to extend this fence by 1m to the boundary with the highway, and by a further 2.7m to the northern end of a reduced-width gateway. The fence and hedge to the south of the gateway will be retained. (See drawings 003 and 004.)

We are also applying for permission to install a new 5-bar gate or gates, with a maximum height of 1.25m at the stiles. This will be within the height of the existing boundary fence, and the original gates.