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DESIGN & ACCESS STATEMENT

General Description and Usage

The proposal is to remove the diseased elements of the hedge and replace them with a combined wall and fence of a design that is similar to that of a neighbouring property. The diseased and dying hedge has been examined by two qualified persons and both have said the hedge cannot be saved. Also the infection is clearly spreading along the hedgerow and needs to be stopped before spreading to the other hedgerows.

Whilst the owners would like to have another hedge, the simple facts are that mature hedgerows cost far more than fences and walls, and planting a smaller hedge to grow into a hedgerow is not economically viable or practical in terms of security and privacy. However, the garden and surround area does have other hedges, bushes, scrubs and trees that provide small birds and similar wildlife with habitats.



Front view of No. 42 Park Way - showing the dying hedge

CAD - ARCHITECTURE - DESIGN

Design and Materials

The design of the wall and fence is very similar, if not the same, as a neighbouring property at the junction of Parkway Road and Boundary Way. See below for the wall and fence at No. 25 Boundary Way. The materials will be as shown; bricks, render and timber to give a pleasingly attractive and varied appearance.





Alternative view of dying hedge



Alternative view of hedge showing gap in hedge from already dead hedge



Gap in hedge



View into garden from road, showing lack of privacy as a result of the gap in the hedge



Alternative view into garden from road, showing lack of privacy as a result of the gap in the hedge



Car view down road. This will be improved by the removal of the hedge.



Hedge detail showing how the footpath would be wider and safer with the hedge removed as like all established hedgerows it has grown over the boundary. This also shows how the visibility for drivers would be increased.

Summary

As shown by the sympathetic design the wall and fence will fit nicely into the locality without any detrimental impact on neighbouring properties or the main dwelling. The wall and fence is safer for pedestrians and drivers, and the loss of the diseased and dead hedgerow is no loss to wildlife as small birds and mammals do not live in dead hedgerows.