

Consultee Comments for Planning Application APP/16/01168

Application Summary

Application Number: APP/16/01168

Address: 22 Grove Road, Havant, PO9 1AR

Proposal: Conservation Area Consent to remove 10ft section of existing wall, rebuild end pillar with original bricks and pointing to allow for parking access.

Case Officer: Karen Wooden

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Comments

Conservation Officer Objection

22 Grove Road sits within the St Faiths Conservation Area, the road is a mixture of detached and semi detached dwellings of Victorian/Edwardian period. A key feature of the road is the presence of low level boundary walls whilst the walls vary in style they are by in large original to the individual properties.

Section 72 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 requires planning authorities, when considering whether to grant planning permission for development which affects a Conservation Area, to have special regard to the desirability of preserving or enhancing the character and appearance of that area.

It is noted that the application does not specify the amount of wall to be left in-situ or detail the width of the current drive way. By way of filling in the gaps in the submitted information I visited the site and measured the length of the wall from the post to right of the drive top the pedestrian gate. Removing 10 feet of wall to the right of the drive would leave approximately 4 foot of remaining and would double the width of the driveway (Measured from mapping date the property is shown as 9m (27.9 feet) across the road frontage.) I do not consider this to be a sufficient un-interrupted section of wall to maintain the character of the wall.

It is my considered opinion that this would create a frontage that appears more open than enclosed and would represent a considerable loss of character feature to the individual [property as well as an erosion of the character of the Conservation Area.

I also noted from my site visit that nearly all of properties in Grove Road have retained their front

walls and that the walls make up the majority of the frontage with access the smaller proportion of the frontage. The current driveway opening clearly does not preclude the applicant from parking on their drive as a car was parked in front of the drive at the time of my visit.