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Dear Sir or Madam

**Retrospective planning application for the demolition of a boundary wall
within a conservation area at 6 Spring Gardens, Emsworth, PO10 7AU**

I write further to your recent letter of 14th August 2014 in which you confirmed that planning permission is required for the removal of a boundary wall within a conservation area at 6 Spring Gardens, Emsworth.

As requested, I hereby submit a retrospective planning application and enclose the following information:

- Completed planning application forms
- Location plan
- Plan showing replacement dwarf brick wall and timber fence
- Photographs of previous brick wall, replacement timber fence and other adjacent brick boundary walls and fences

Background

I completed purchase of 6 Spring Gardens in March 2014. At that time the brick wall stood on the boundary with the neighbouring property which is currently used as staff parking for The Ship Inn in High street Emsworth to the south of the house. The wall was of London Common or Fletton brick construction, measuring up to 1 metre high by 3.5 metres in length.

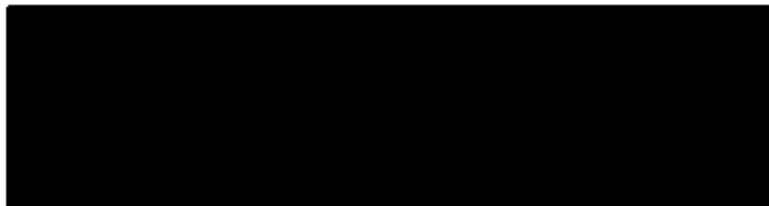
The wall was completely overgrown with ivy and when we removed this, we discovered that the wall had become unstable, with many large cracks in the brickwork, one of which made a large portion of the wall unstable. We understand from consultation with neighbours that the largest crack was caused by a lorry reversing into the wall and nearly knocking this over. The upper bricks were all loose and in danger of falling off. The wall was constructed from London Commons, known as Flettons, which are not in keeping with the other bricks used on older buildings and walls in the area which appear to be constructed in local bricks. Looking at the state of the wall and the historical use of Flettons, I would estimate that the wall was

constructed between 1920 and 1960 which is more recent than the older houses in the area and the Spring Gardens block of houses which are in excess of 200 years old. Fletton Bricks were generally used in the past because they were inexpensive and mass produced and not for their architectural merit.

Because of the low height of the wall, its extensive vegetation coverage and the use of Fletton bricks, the wall was not considered to have any particular architectural interest or historic significance and in July 2014, we decided to replace the wall with a dwarf red brick wall topped with a new boundary fence which is currently in place at the site. The fence is of close-boarded timber construction, treated in a brown colour. We consider that the use of material and colour is in keeping with that used at similar properties in the vicinity as can be seen from the photos and does not have a detrimental impact on the character or historic interest of the Conservation Area. I attach photographs showing the pre-existing wall, both with and without ivy covering, the new fence and other adjacent boundary walls constructed from local bricks together with close boarded fences.

We trust that this submission provides the relevant details to allow you to determine the application, however please do contact me if you require anything further.

Yours Faithfully



Bruce Corney