

Method Statement – Replacing existing brick boundary wall

23 Bridgefoot Path, Emsworth

Proposal

The proposal is to replace the existing north boundary wall to the property. The proposals are also to include a gate [opening in the wall]. There may be brick piers required to stabilise existing sections of the wall.

History

Our client Mrs P Finney purchased the property in the summer of 2012. The client had a survey undertaken of the property by Acorn Chartered Surveyors. It was stated in the report that 'the wall is unstable and is considered a significant safety hazard'. We later contacted building control who did not believe the wall was 'dangerous'.

Method

The wall is divided into three by the use of different brick and lean. The centre of the wall is in the worst state, this is the area where we proposed to introduce the door. Therefore, we proposed to take down at least this section of wall and reconstruct.

The structural engineer, Nigel De Silva will visit site and confirm that amount of wall that will need to be replaced. He will also confirm if any buttresses to the south site will need to be introduced.

The mortar we propose is to be lime mortar, and we will match the existing bricks used in the wall. The coping to the proposed wall will be consistent half round capping. We propose that a material sample be shown and approved by the local authority prior to the wall's construction.

The wall will be constructed as much as possible from the garden of the property to reduce any inconvenience to Nile Street.