



The residential house is somewhat unusual in that it is located to the rear of the plot, resulting in the garden being to the front of the property, street side (a public highway). There is no garden to the rear of the property. Currently, access to the garden is unsecured from the public highway.



For the reasons outlined in bold in the paragraph above, the electric sliding vehicular gate and manually operated pedestrian gate is required to reduce those risks. The gate will vary in height between 1.8 metres minimum up to a maximum of 2 metres high.

Great consideration has been given to reduce the impact of the gates on the street scene, which currently comprises of a variety of styles of housing from Edwardian detached villas, 1970's dormer bungalows, semi-detached houses and flats.

To reduce the impact of the height of the gate on the street scene, the following attributions have been included in the design:

- 1) The vertically hung Cedar slats (between 1.8 and 2 metres in height) will be fixed with spaces in-between them and positioned on a louvered angle. This will provide an element of transparency from the street side in one direction only - away from the garden (which is to the North of the plot) looking instead directly into the southerly side of the plot which goes to the south side hedging/border of the plot. Positioning the vertical Cedar slats in this way will soften the appearance of the gate whilst providing the appropriate privacy and security to the garden.
- 2) The material selected (Cedar) for the street side is again softer to the eye than a metal gate. The Cedar will be untreated, so will silver over time and blend in with the surrounding natural planting of the hedge and trees.
- 3) Again, to soften the eye of the overall appearance of the gate the top line of both gates will not be one solid line. Instead the vertical slats will be of a random/irregular length (varying between 1.8 and 2m in length) making the top line softer to the eye than a solid line and less imposing to the street.