

Front Garden Screening - 220 Sheen Road

Attached are photographs and details of the works carried out. My sincere apologies for having to submit a retrospective application for planning permission. I was not aware this was required and mistakenly thought the addition of a trellis to my existing wall was allowed. Whilst no excuse, I assumed given the prevalence of numerous properties along my road or adjoining roads, with higher fences or solid walls, that such screening was permitted (as an example the houses from 180 -196 Sheen Road). I was made aware of the issue with our completed work by Haley Wilkom (a planning enforcement officer) who visited my property and subsequently wrote to me explaining my options on April 12.

Description of work

We have added a wooden trellis/ screening on top of the existing wall running along the front garden. The construction is a wooden trellis with 10mm gaps to allow light and a level of visibility yet provide some privacy. The total height is now 1.89m.

This was required to provide privacy from the main road where car drivers and passengers and pedestrians often look directly into our house. This has resulted in our teenage daughters often feeling very uncomfortable and vulnerable. It was also an attempt to provide additional security following a recent burglary (Oct 2023) at our home. The wall was also often used as a seat by pedestrians and unfortunately also had large amounts of rubbish thrown over the existing wall into our front garden.

In addition, I have found an example of a house further down our road (380 Upper Richmond Road) which has recently been granted permission (21/2090/FUL) for an almost identical design front screen on top of a low wall, with the approved plans allowing the total height to be 2.2m compared with our 1.89m.

Below are photographs to illustrate the works performed.

The Following 2 photographs show the view from Driveway looking towards the Sheen Road (Trellis above pre-existing wall)





View from the Sheen Road looking towards the property



Cloe up view of trellis construction from the Sheen Road looking towards the property



Image from Google maps showing the property before the trellis was added (The brickwork has not been altered and measurements as per other document annotated with measurements)

