

## Comment on a planning application

### Application Details

**Application:** 24/2278/VRC

**Address:** North Boundary WallDorchester MewsTwickenham

**Proposal:** Variation of condition LT04 - Protective Fencing (Other)-Small Fencing of planning permission 23/3057/FUL to revise the Arboricultural Method Statement to reduce and remove all roots within trench fill foundation to secure long-term structural integrity of the boundary wall.

### Comments Made By

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### Comments

**Type of comment:** Object to the proposal

#### Comment:

Addendum to Objection to Application 24/2278/VRC

The applicant's request to revise and remove planning requirements is misleading. It infers that building this boundary wall and its foundation with proper structural integrity is not possible with the current tree roots in place. This is not true. By employing the well-established arboricultural construction measures per the BSI Standards, roots can be protected and trees preserved, while building a structurally sound and safe foundation and wall. The use of underground root bridges, lintels, piles, sills, and lintels at or above ground level, among other techniques, to support structures, is routine in construction in built environments where trees are valued. Consider that trees and tree roots are regularly preserved during construction in heavily developed urban areas with many high rise buildings and their attendant deep foundations such as central London, as well as in earthquake zones such as Tokyo and San Francisco. It seems clear that this application is financially motivated. St. George seeks to avoid any additional expense generated by use of tree protective construction methods.

Respectfully,

EJ Bufton