

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: Support the proposal

Comment: Balancing the wellbeing of a mature tree, safety and stability of structures and aspirations of property owners is always a challenging task. However, safety and stability of large retaining walls that must last decades is indisputable. In this specific case, the retaining wall that runs across close to 30 properties must be completed in a way that water drains away from it, to ensure that it remains stable. The tree roots location could not be reasonably foreseen when original consent for the work was granted. I appreciate that the solution to the actual roots location involves compromising a planter / gardening endeavour of one property owner who feels that their design vision will be compromised. The solution proposed in this application enables completion of the wall that is 97-ish per cent complete, complies with all standards and regulations, and reflects the necessary compromises that need to be made to leave a safe and lasting retaining/ boundary wall for generations to come.