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Dear Sirs,

AW71/18/HH – 36 Kingsway – Conservation Area – Objection

The following comments should be read in conjunction with my earlier letters of 8th April and 13th July.

Paragraph 8.2, referring to one of the two areas within the root protection area, includes: 'The area of driveway adjacent to Kingsway will be excavated by hand to enable a dropped crossing to be constructed, the extent of the excavation will vary as it progresses towards the garden boundary where it will have reached the existing ground level.' Later in the same paragraph 'The construction will then be carried out using the principles set out in the typical construction detail shown in the Geosynthetics drawing for cell web no dig construction as illustrated in the architects drawing.'

In other words the cell web construction will sit on top of a slope from about 20cms below the existing gutter to the present ground level at the Queenslawn boundary. The system, according to the drawings is 20 cm thick, so there will be a slope, across the grass verge, from the present gutter level to 20cm above the present ground level at the curtilage boundary, roughly equivalent to the top of the existing fence gravel boards.

On the eastern side this ramp is shown as vertical and supported by 20mm wooden boarding secured by vertical 15mm wooden stakes.

This must be one of the most aesthetically objectionable proposals for a conservation area – a ramp supported by wooden boards and stakes across the grass verge. The grass verges are one of the glories of this part of Kingsway and were recognised as such when Conservation Area status was granted. The proposal is clearly aesthetically unacceptable.

Also one wonders about the stability of such a structure with traffic passing over it. It looks extraordinarily flimsy.

Do you envisage the need for railings to prevent the postman or anyone else from either tripping over the ramp or falling off it?

Will the excavations below the gutter have any effect on the road foundations?

Yours faithfully,

Robert Bremner

