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**Planning Consultation
Response from the Conservation Officer**

Application Number	A/46/14/HH
Address	Woodford Villas 2 High Street Angmering BN16 4AE
Description	Retention of infill Brickwork to front boundary wall. This application affects the character and appearance of Angmering Conservation Area
Case Officer	Mr. P.
Site Visit	15/05/2014

I note that the works have been undertaken and consent is sought retrospectively. The proposal involved in-filling an existing pedestrian opening which provided access to residential properties. The existing walling either side of the new section is constructed from two different materials; brick to the left hand side and brick/flint to the right. The walling plays a prominent part of the street-scene

However, as the opening has been in-filled with brick, the quality of the works should have been of a very high quality. Unfortunately, the new section of walling fails to link in to the existing walling and appears almost as if an afterthought. This is evidenced by the distinctive joints between the existing and new sections of walling, and is unfortunate.

If an application had been made prior to the works, if the proposal had been considered acceptable, a condition should have been placed regarding the quality of the works and for a sample of the walling to have been constructed for approval.

It is a shame that the opening had to be permanently in-filled as it is not known if this was a historic access point. An alternative approach would have been to close the opening with a gate or similar to enable the views through to the space beyond to remain.

Relevant policies:

Arun District Local Plan 2003:
Area 2: Conservation Areas

Emerging Local Plan 2014:
HER SP1: The historic environment
HER DM3: Conservation Areas

Relevant SPD's:

Conservation Areas Supplementary Planning Guidance Note

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