

EG/63/07/L - Design and Access Statement

- The purpose of the application for listed building consent, is to replace a pair of gates and posts which have rotted away and at the same time preserve the security of the property. The driveway is opposite a pub and is open to intrusion by non-local people, especially at weekends and when there is evening racing at Fontwell. For a single woman living alone, this puts one in a very vulnerable position.
- The design of the gates and posts has been selected to resemble as closely as possible, the original fixtures, as well as being sympathetic to the flint and brick material used in the wall/gateway and building.
- The gates and posts will be made of oak with a light wood preservative in order to provide durability. They will be left to weather naturally so that they are in keeping with the style of the property.
- The gates will be 1280mm high so that they are no higher than the flint and brick wall in order to blend in as much as possible.
- The posts will be free-standing, in front of the gateway pillars so that the wall is not modified.
- The gates will open outwards as per the previous gates. This is also dictated by the rise of the drive which renders inward opening gates impractical. Therefore, there will be no change in the way the gates open.
- The arc of the gate is within the grass verge and does not impede in anyway, on the lane outside the property. Likewise, the gates in the open position will not have any impact on passing vehicles or people.
- The gates will only be opened to allow vehicle and pedestrian access in accordance with normal domestic/residential use.

In summary, the prime purpose of this application for listed building consent, is to replace a pair of gates and posts which have rotted away, and at the same time, maintain the security of the property. The design and material of the gates have been carefully chosen to be in keeping with the flint and brick wall and house, as well as resemble as closely as possible, the original fixtures which have rotted. Drawings of the proposed gates and posts are attached to clarify the above points.

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