

DESIGN AND ACCESS STATEMENT

Proposal : Retrospective Application for Boundary
Treatment Replacement

at

Address : 2 Court Rd, Ickenham,
Uxbridge UB10 8TE



1. Introduction

This Design and Access Statement supports a retrospective planning application for the replacement of a rear/side boundary fence at 2 Court Road, Ickenham. The property lies within the Ickenham Village Conservation Area, and the changes have been carried out with due consideration to the surrounding context and heritage sensitivities.

2. Site Context

2 Court Road is a residential property located within a well-established suburban area characterised by detached and semi-detached dwellings, mature landscaping, and traditional boundary treatments. The site is situated within the Ickenham Village Conservation Area, which seeks to preserve the area's historic character and setting.

Prior to the development, the boundary treatment consisted of a traditional timber closeboard fence supported by concrete posts. The fence had deteriorated over time and no longer contributed positively to the appearance of the street or the conservation area.

3. Proposal

The works involved the removal of the existing timber panel fence and the installation of a new boundary wall comprising:

- A red brick base wall has been constructed to a height of approximately **1.2 metres** along the **front and curved side boundaries**, and **1.8 metres** along the remaining perimeter, providing a robust and durable foundation.
- Above the brick base, **powder-coated black metal panels** have been installed. These panels incorporate a modern **geometric cut-out design**, allowing light to filter through while preserving a sense of privacy and enclosure.
- The **overall height** of the new boundary treatment, combining both brickwork and metal panels, measures approximately **1.99 metres**.

The total height of the new boundary structure is a approximately 2 meters fence, ensuring no overbearing impact on neighboring properties or the street scene.

4. Design Justification

The design was carefully chosen to:

- Provide a more durable and low-maintenance alternative to timber.
- Improve the visual quality of the boundary treatment.
- Enhance privacy and security without compromising the openness or character of the street.
- Reflect a more contemporary interpretation that sits comfortably within the conservation area through the use of traditional brick and high-quality metalwork.

The materials and finishes have been selected to complement the existing architecture and surrounding properties. The red brick base harmonises with local boundary walls and buildings, while the decorative metal screen adds a modern but subtle touch.

5. Impact on Conservation Area

The replacement boundary treatment is considered to **preserve and enhance** the character and appearance of the Ickenham Village Conservation Area by:

- Replacing a deteriorated timber structure with a more visually cohesive and permanent design.
- Introducing higher quality materials while respecting the traditional palette of the area.
- Maintaining an appropriate scale, height, and transparency that avoids visual dominance.

The new fence does not result in any harm to heritage significance, and instead makes a positive contribution to the streetscape.

6. Access

The proposal relates solely to boundary treatment and does not affect access to or from the property. There is no change to pedestrian or vehicular access arrangements.

7. Conclusion

The replacement fence at 2 Court Road has been designed to respond positively to the context of the site, both functionally and visually. The development:

- Maintains the privacy and security of the property;
- Uses high-quality and appropriate materials;
- Respects the character of the conservation area;
- Enhances the appearance of the site and wider street scene.

We respectfully request that retrospective permission is granted for the boundary fence, given its positive impact and alignment with conservation objectives.