

Heritage Statement for Garden Wall at 10 Church Avenue, Ruislip, HA4 7HY

1. Introduction

This Heritage Statement supports a planning application submitted to the London Borough of Hillingdon for the construction of a front garden wall at 10 Church Avenue, Ruislip, HA4 7HY. The property is situated within the Ruislip Village Conservation Area, and the proposal has been assessed in accordance with the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and Hillingdon's Local Plan Policies, specifically Policies HE1, DMHB 1, and DMHB 4.

2. Site

10 Church Avenue is a detached dwelling located on a residential street forming part of the Ruislip Village Conservation Area, which is designated for its architectural and historic character.

The property occupies a prominent position with its front boundary facing directly onto Church Avenue.

3. Description of the Proposed Works

The proposal involves the construction of a 1.8-metre-high front boundary wall along the frontage of the property facing Church Avenue. The wall is to be constructed using mainly London bricks with wooden slats, chosen to reflect the materials of the surrounding boundary walls commonly used within the conservation area. The design is simple and traditional, with clean lines and coping to maintaining visual continuity with the surrounding streetscape. Please refer to architectural drawings for further details.

4. Policy Context

Relevant planning and heritage policies include:

- **National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) – Section 16:** Conserving and enhancing the historic environment.
- **Hillingdon Local Plan: Part 1** – Policy HE1: Heritage.
- **Hillingdon Local Plan: Part 2:**
 - **DMHB 1:** Heritage Assets – Proposals must preserve or enhance the significance of heritage assets.
 - **DMHB 4:** Conservation Areas – Development should sustain and enhance the character and appearance of conservation areas.

The proposal has been designed with these policies in mind, to ensure minimal visual and heritage impact.

5. Assessment of Impact

Although the proposed wall is taller than a few of the other typical low front boundaries on the road, its traditional materials and sympathetic design ensure that it will not harm the character of the conservation area in any way.

I can confirm that the wall will:

- Not result in the loss of any historic fabric.
- Respect the rhythm and grain of the streetscape.
- Use appropriate materials that reflect the character of the area.
- Avoid visual harm or dominance due to its carefully considered proportions and location.

6. Reason of works

The wall is proposed primarily to enhance privacy, security, and definition of the front boundary, especially given the property's exposure to a main road. The council had previously advised us to heighten our boundary for pedestrian safety as we own a dog. It has been designed to respect the visual and historic context of the area, ensuring a balance between functional improvement and conservation requirements.

7. Examples of Existing Boundary Walls within 100m of 10 Church Avenue



Example 1:

Image1: No 5



Example 2:

Please see Images 1 and 2, which depict an estimated 6ft brick wall at the front of the property, with pillars that maintain two entrances as part of the carriage drive.

Image2: No 5



With a lot of consideration, we have proposed 1.8m high front boundary wall at 10 Church Avenue a modest and well-considered addition to the property. The proposal complies with national and local heritage policies and is

therefore submitted for approval with the confidence that it will contribute positively to the area's character.



Image1: No 51

Image2: No 51

Please see Images 1 and 2 of No 51, which is a detached house which sits at the very top of Church Avenue. The images also depict an estimated 6ft brick wall at the front of the property, with pillars that maintain two entrances.