

Heritage statement to accompany application 136800/AO/2023

Introduction

The subject of this application is the front boundary wall facing Palatine Road. This wall is a relatively recent feature being built at the same time as the club house was built circa mid-1990s.

Context

Front boundary walls are a common feature of Palatine Road. Traditionally the walls fronted villa properties and were made from either brick or coursed stone with deep stone copings. In many instances hedges would have been cultivated to the rear of the wall. Modern alterations including some railings and occasionally some piers.

Existing Wall

The existing wall has a length of 35m and uses facing brick with a narrow coping. Piers have been constructed every 4-5 meters with infill panels of metal railings.

Proposal

The proposal is to remove the existing railings, and install a freestanding LED display, with a fascia and halo illuminated letters, fitted to the facing brick below the coping.

Summary

The proposal will make minor adjustments to the wall without affecting its core function or alignment. The alterations and the addition of the new sign and LED screen will make the boundary more attractive and in keeping with the best and traditional features of the conservation area, whilst allowing the club to promote its facilities and functions in a more professional manner.