

REDINGTON FROGNAL
NEIGHBOURHOOD FORUM

24 June, 2024

Dear Planning,

Application 2024/0209/P - objection

The Forum objects to the proposal to instal decorative iron fencing. This is contrary to the following Neighbourhood Plan policies:

SD 2, SD 4 viii, SD 6, and BGI 1.

Metal fencing is not a traditional feature of the Redington Frognal Conservation Area. Together with the replacement of front gardens by car parks, it is causing very serious cumulative harm to the Conservation Area, as noted in the 2022 Conservation Area appraisal.

We would also draw attention to similar applications which have been refused:

- 2020/2471/P (24 Ferncroft Avenue), where the planning officer required the new gates to be constructed from timber, rather than metal, and sought to retain as much of the greenery as possible.
- 2020/1399/P (49 Redington Road), where the applicant was advised that metal fencing would be unacceptable for the Conservation Area and, as a result of this advice, an application for brickwork boundary was submitted and the existing privet hedge was retained and extended.
- Appeal decision: APP/X5210/D/21/3289001, relating to 10 Ferncroft Avenue. In this case a similar boundary proposal was considered that be out of character within the immediate street scene and incongruous.

The harm caused by metal gates and railings is specifically highlighted in the Redington Frognal Conservation Area Character and Management Appraisal under section 3.6 Harm. The proposed metal boundary treatment would cause further harm to the streetscape.

An appropriate boundary treatment would be one that adds to the verdant streetscape and enhances biodiversity, namely a hedgerow of native species and / or a low retaining wall with a native hedge behind it.

Yours sincerely,



Secretary
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