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Our Ref: 09/822

Dear Gideon,

Application for planning consent for the erection of a close boarded fence adjacent to the boundary wall surrounding the woodland garden at 36A Highgate West Hill.

On behalf of Safran Holdings Ltd, please find enclosed a planning application to erect a close boarded fence adjacent to the existing boundary wall surrounding the woodland garden.

The following has been submitted via the Planning Portal in support of this application:

- Planning Application Form;
- Photographs of the site;
- The following drawings-
- TPO Woodland Existing Plan/Elevation 601-P-1397-000
- TPO Woodland Elevation Proposed Fencing 601-P-1393-000
- TPO Woodland Proposed Fencing Location Plan 601-P-1392-000

Proposals

This application seeks planning consent to erect a close boarded fence adjacent to the existing boundary wall surrounding the woodland garden. The height of fence will be variable depending on the height of the boundary wall, and will be measure between 0.9-1.8m. Consent has already been obtained for a 2.4 metre high security

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fence along the boundary as part of the Woodland Summer House (Application Ref - 2014/6300,P), however there is a need for an additional fence to act as a deterrent to access and the disposal of rubbish in this vacuous space between the boundary wall and the approved security fence. Currently the existing temporary hoarding along the boundary, is performing this function.

Although it was originally discussed that this would be a railing, and it would sit above the wall, it was considered that the railing would not prevent the disposal of rubbish, and a fence would actually be more substantial and perform this function better in the long run.

Impact on Trees

No trees will be harmed as a result of the proposed fence as it will run around the inner face of the tree trunk which sits on the boundary of the site. The excavation for the fence uprights will be undertaken manually under on-site arboriculture supervision in order to comply with British Standards 5837. Where structural roots are encountered, the timber fence system proposed will allow posts to be re-spaced under Arboricultural direction to avoid damaging these roots. The installation of the proposed fence along the boundary will therefore cause no damage to the existing tree.

Impact on the Highgate Conservation Area

Regarding the significance of this part of the Highgate Conservation Area, it is identified that prominent garden walls and fences are a common feature locally.

The height of the fence has been carefully considered so that it is contiguous with the shoulders of the fountain and so it is line with the height of the approved gate. The fence will only measure up to 1.8m so will be significantly less than the 2.4m high security fence. It will be a traditional featherboard / closeboard fence, with the colour specification of RAL 6009, which will respect the character and appearance of the Conservation Area in line with both local and national policies.

We trust that the enclosed information is in order and look forward to receiving confirmation of validation. Please let me know if you have any queries in the meantime.

Yours sincerely



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