

Greater Cambridge Shared Planning Service

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Dear Phoebe

**Response to 21/04415/HFUL: Removal of existing boundary wall and replacement with timber fence;
138 Tenison Road Cambridge**

Cambridge Past, Present & Future is Cambridge's largest civic society. We are a charity run by local people who are passionate about where they live. We operate in the greater Cambridge area and working with our members, supporters and volunteers we:

- Are dedicated to protecting and enhancing the green setting of Cambridge for people and nature.
- Care about Cambridge and are an independent voice for quality of life in the strategic planning of Greater Cambridge.
- Are working to protect, celebrate and improve the important built heritage of the Cambridge area.
- Own and care for green spaces and historic buildings in and around the city for people and nature, including Wandlebury Country Park, Coton Countryside Reserve, Cambridge Leper Chapel & Barnwell Meadows, Bourn Windmill and Hinxtton Watermill.

Cambridge Past, Present & Future object to this application. The wall positively contributes to the character of the conservation area and its replacement with a timber fence would be contrary to Policy 61.

This property falls within the New Town and Glisson Road Conservation Area.

The Conservation Area Appraisal specifically mentions the 'fine view down (Tenison Avenue) to Highsett' and the use of the gault brick giving a 'unity' to Tenison Road and Tenison Avenue (page 33). The properties in Tenison Avenue and Tension Road, including no. 138 Tenison Road, are identified in the appraisal as 'buildings important to the character'.

The Conservation Area Appraisal identifies the use of gault brick as a key characteristic of the area and the boundary wall in question provides a continuation of the gault brick of 138 Tenison Road to the front garden walls of properties along Tenison Avenue. It is therefore considered that the wall contributes to the character and appearance of the Conservation Area. The removal of the wall and replacement with a fence will harm the significance of the Conservation Area contrary to Policy 61.

The detrimental impact of replacing the wall with a fence can be seen by the fence on the opposite side of Tension Avenue which detracts from the view down the Avenue.

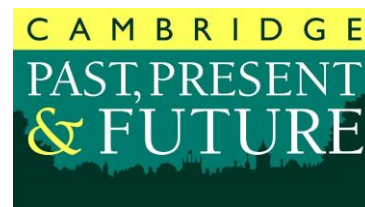
Furthermore, replacing a wall with a timber fence is not sustainable. There is embedded carbon in the wall which will be lost through its demolition. No information is provided as to whether the bricks will be reused.

I trust that you will take our comments into consideration.

Yours sincerely

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