

May 7th, 2012

For the attention of the General Manager
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Reference of proposed development No. 504/2007
Property: 68 Birkley Rd
Applicant: Ms G A Coward



Dear Sir/ Madam

We wish to lodge an objection to one particular point in the above DA, that being **"existing masonry wall to be demolished and replaced with a timber fence on boundary"**.

We did discuss this concern with the applicant who verbally assured us that they would leave the shared wall as is, however it is obviously still in the plans and its removal is of great concern to us.

This shared masonry wall is an important feature of our property. The house has been designed with large sliding windows/ doors looking out from the living/ dining room to the "wall" which is actually also a garden feature. Further to this, our sandstone paving has been layed around the masonry wall garden bed and if this were to be removed, there would be significant expense in replacing a large section of pavers for continuity.

A further structural concern on the removal of the masonry wall is drainage as number 68 sits approximately a foot higher than our property and whenever there is significant rain, large amounts of water come under the existing timber fence. With the current layout, the majority of water is directed into our specifically designed drains, however if the masonry wall were to be removed, there would potentially be a large amount of water flowing through to our timber foundations unless appropriate drainage was built to redirect this water.

We have attached 2 photographs showing the masonry wall from our perspective with the garden bed, paving and the aspect from inside our house looking out through the sliding door/ windows.

Please do not hesitate to contact us for any further information or clarification.

Yours sincerely
Karen Petersen and Peter Hocking

