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Agar Road,

Truro,

TR1 1JU

Date: 10 August 2021

Ref: Driveway enclosure Chapel House (PA21/06875)

Dear Sir/Madam

Application Number PA21/06875 : Proposal Extend boundary wall to enclose the parking area. Consists of a gate&gateposts flanked by a low stone wall capped with iron railings.

Location: Chapel House Agar Road Truro TR1 1JU

As requested please find below and attached the following information you require:

1: Enclosure of driveway will be a continuation of the pre-existing boundary wall extending from each side of the current driveway opening. The proposed extension of the pre-existing boundary wall will consist of traditional stone wall and period forged metal fencing, two granite gate posts and hand forged metal gates. The proposed stone element will be built to approximately half the height of the pre-existing boundary wall which currently shoulder the existing entrance to the driveway. The stone will match the current boundary wall on either side of the driveway entrance in both natural stone type (locally sourced granite, mixed stone colour exactly matching pre-existing boundary walls on either side of current driveway; Leslie Cornell Building Restoration Co.) and mortar (traditional lime mortar mix with sand for beige/light colour pointing; Cornish Lime Co.). All pointing/mortar joints will be raked to match the existing boundary walls flanking the driveway. The stone element will be capped with grey granite coping stones for insertion of the metal fence. Traditional wrought iron fence will mount into the granite coping stones via masonry socket drill holes and fixed by molten metal pouring. Access will be via a pair of hand forged hinged metal gates mounted on a pair of granite gate posts.

2-5: Scale drawings as pdfs, site location plan (Ordnance Survey extract to scale 1:1250), an existing block plan to scale 1:200, a proposed block plan to scale 1:200, an existing scaled boundary photograph and a scaled drawing of proposed boundary elevation with proposed materials annotated (pdf files attached below).

8: Chapel House, Agar Road is a grade II listed former Chapel. Opened in 1859 it was originally designed to as a Chapel to the Truro Female Diocesan Training College for school mistresses. The latter was closed in 1938 (possibly due to the threat of imminent war) and later used by the Ministry of Agriculture but demolished c1940s and since the 1980s is a complex of residential flats (Devington Hall). In 1969 planning permission was granted for a change of use to a Church Hall and for school meals for the local primary school. Various other transit uses of the Church Hall included storage of goods for a plumber's merchant but again became redundant and fell into severe disrepair. Conversion to a residential dwelling was completed between 2014-16. Conversion included erection of a front boundary wall demarcating a front driveway. The proposed driveway enclosure has become necessary to restrict access due to trespass around the property at night from Agar Road (a late-night thoroughfare to and from hospitality in the City centre), unauthorised/nuisance parking and

turning which has damaged the boundary wall twice incurring the expensive repairs on both occasions. Disposal of dog waste onto the driveway is also a perennial problem. The proposed works will complete the boundary demarcation begun at the time of the original conversion in 2014-16 while enhancing the overall appearance and character of the grade II listed building from street level. This will be achieved by matching with the existing boundary wall using the period design outlined and traditional construction techniques utilising a combination of natural stone and ironmongery. A pillared/gated driveway entrance/access is feature of existing similar period properties located along Agar Road, including both properties opposite Chapel House (Brucefield House and Ingestre). However notably it is also a feature of Dove House (previously the rectory to St Pauls Church).

9: Does the development require any materials to be used – Yes (bulleted below)

- Granite stone wall and lime mortar mix.
- Grey granite copping stones for insertion of the metal fence.
- Bespoke forged period metal fencing and metal gates.

Yours faithfully,

Dr Thomas Grigor

