

**Design & access statement**  
**66 Latham Road. DA6 7NQ**

**1. SCHEME** This application is for retention of wooded Trellis erected on top of the existing fence to provide adequate protection abuse and vandalism.

**2.0 SITE CONTEXT**

**2.1** The site is located North of Latham Road; the site combines with number 68 Latham Road to form an alley way that leads Pincott Road, which, directly leads to the commercial centre Bexleyheath

**2.3** The area is predominantly residential area.

**2.4** The road contains a mixture of house styles, generally are of two storeys in height but definitely of no specific character.

**2.5** The site itself is currently occupied by two storey Semidetached building.

**2.6** The site has a forecourt and extensive rear garden.



Existing View of Alley way from  
Latham Road

### **3.0 Design Consideration**

**3.1** The proposed increase in height using wooden Trellis first considered the prevailing condition of the alley way. It would be seen that the opposite fence that enclosed the alley is a bit more in height with block work as seen in the pictures above.

**3.2** The principal reason for the increased height for the fence is based on the following: -

1. Passers-by and others throw stolen goods over the fence then climb over to collect later. On one occasion that we witnessed, the thieves were chased by staff from JD sport, who then climbed over the fence because they had seen the thieves throw the items over. Later in the day one of the thieves climbed over to retrieve their IDs that had also been thrown over with the stolen items, but JD sport staff had already removed everything.

The reason we know this is that the thieves knocked on our door asking us to retrieve their IDs and other items. We explained that JD staff had taken everything. Luckily, they believed us, otherwise we do not know what they could have done to us.

2. Passers-by throw dog wastes over the fence, so we are forever having to throw them away even though we do not have dogs. If they do not throw them in our back garden, they throw them in the front garden, on the driveway, on our cars instead of taking it with them or disposing of them in council bins
3. Passers-by or others use the walkway to smoke drugs, drink alcohol then throws bottles and/or cans and drug remnants over the fence.
4. Passers-by or others use the walkway to play football and when the ball flies over the fence, they climb over to retrieve it and when they cannot, they ring our doorbell to get balls for them and they never ask in a polite manner, they are always rude and impatient. We are forced to get balls because

**4.3** It should be noted that these vices listed has ceased since the fence had been increased to the present height. Hence, the need to retain the current height,

**4.4** The material used for the increased height blends well to the environment and a better improvement than the other high fence.

**4.5** It should not be too farfetched if any that has reported any planning infringement are benefiting from these listed above vices the trellis is harmonious the surroundings.

**4.6** The design considers that blending the proposed development to the existing building in terms of form and materials is more sympathetic and has more positive impact to the urban context of the area.

## **5.0 SCALE**

**5.1** It is believed, that the proposed development has not impacted negatively on the current scale of the existing buildings/ fence, hence, the fence will continue to enjoy the harmony it has with the rest of the surrounding properties.