

Proposals for the removal of a non-native conifer hedge boundary to facilitate the relocation of the vehicle hardstanding at 5 Sherbourne Court, Warwick, CV35 8AW.

1. Summary of works:

The works involve the removal of the entire hedge to the boundary of the property to be replaced by a mix of brick wall, open access to vehicle hardstanding and fencing. This application refers to the hedge removal only, with the remainder of the works contained in planning application reference PP-12188147.

The existing layout is shown in figure 1 below with the location of the hedge to be removed shown in green. The proposed layout is shown in figure 2.



Figure 1 – Existing layout

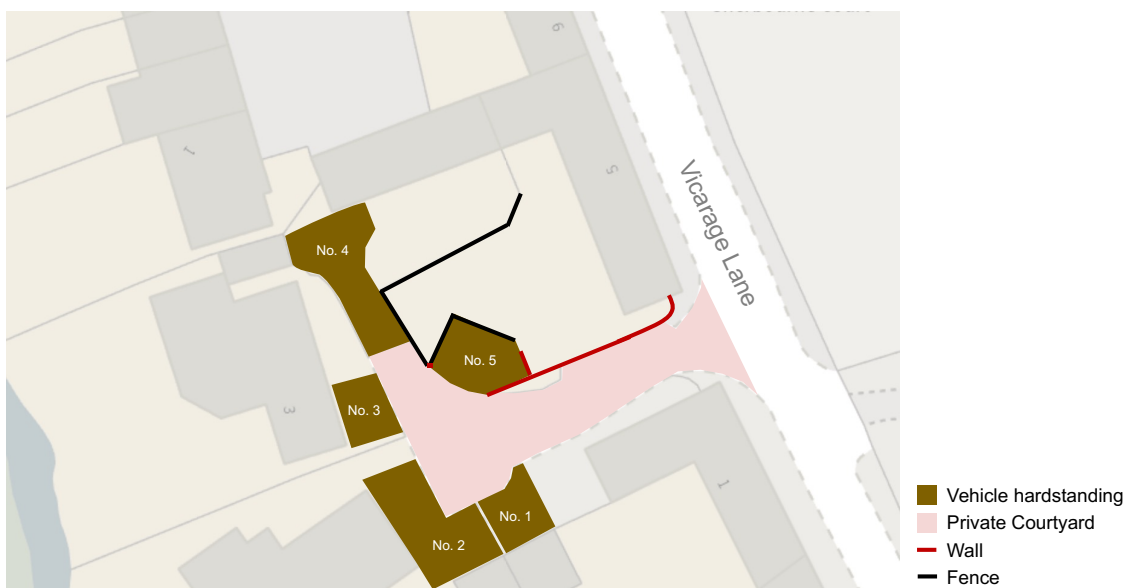


Figure 2 – Proposed layout

2. Rationale for hedge removal:

The rationale for the removal of the entire hedge as part of the overall works is summarised below:

1. The hedge is in a poor state, with a number of areas of bare wood showing. Due to hedge being of the conifer type these areas will not regrow. Examples are shown in figure 3 below:



Figure 3 – Examples of areas of bare wood

2. Further to the areas of bare wood there are also numerous areas where the hedge has been invaded by other planting, whilst this is unsightly this cannot be removed as to do so would likely create further areas of bare wood, exacerbating the issues of point 1 above. Examples of other planting within the hedge are shown in figure 4 below:



Figure 4 – Examples of other plants within the hedge

3. The hedge has grown wide over its lifetime (15-20 years) and is now encroaching into the private courtyard, reducing the available width for vehicle movement. This is not possible to resolve without cutting the hedge back to bare wood, again exacerbating the issues of point 1. The encroachment can be seen in figure 5 below:



Figure 5 – Encroachment of hedge to courtyard