

Replacement of the boundary wall to the private roadway in front of 26-54 Clifton Gardens

The following is a proposal for a replacement boundary wall to the private roadway. The current wall is in bad condition and much need of repair. We have designed a new wall that is in keeping with the neighbouring walls and that we feel will enhance the look of our private roadway. Architects drawings are available to illustrate how the new wall would look both with the existing Lime trees and with an avenue of 10 evenly spaced Whitebeams to replace the existing Lime trees.

Features of the new wall:

- Raised height of wall to 975mm
- Length and width of the wall would be as per the existing wall
- 6 columns of 500mm square (including the rendering) to mirror the style of other walls in the neighbourhood
- Pre-cast concrete capping on top of the wall
- A 1500mm wide opening between the two columns opposite No. 40
- this opening will provide easier access for residents, builders and scaffolding contractors and removal companies
- Stuccoed finish to match the properties in the roadway
- ECO charging points fitted at an easily accessible height on the wall just below the capping
- Galvanized trunking on the underside of the capping for the full length of the wall. This would house the cables for the CCTV and charging facilities for electric vehicles.
- An evenly spaced avenue of around 10 Whitebeam trees

Process for providing the wall with 10 evenly spaced Whitebeam trees:

An application would be made to Westminster City Council to reinstate their offer for the removal of 2 Lime trees (outside of 30/32 and 40/42) that are impinging on the existing boundary wall and the removal of 1 Lime tree (outside of 36/38) that would impinge on the new wall, due to the raised height of the wall. The intention would be to replace the Lime trees with Whitebeams and in the long run, to achieve more even spacing of the trees in the roadway. In order to achieve the eventual evenly spaced avenue of Whitebeams, permission would also be sought for the gradual removal and replacement of the remaining Lime Trees. It has been established by the architect that 10 would be the optimum number of trees in the roadway to allow for even spacing.

Reason for replacing the Lime trees:

- 2 of the trees are impinging on the wall and damaging it and 1 of the trees will impinge on the new, higher wall when it is built.
- The trees are very large and are preventing one of the Whitebeams from growing.
- We would like to create a smart, evenly spaced avenue of trees alongside the wall using trees chosen by Westminster's Tree Department.
- It's not about getting rid of trees, it's about replacing them with better ones.**