

SUPPORTING STATEMENT

for

PROPOSED PARKING

at

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for

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This statement supports a proposal to alter the existing front garden to provide improved off-street parking at a property located on the edge of the Bowden Hill Conservation Area.

The existing parking arrangement is limited in both size and functionality, currently accommodating only a single saloon car or, at most, two very small vehicles. This does not adequately serve the needs of a three-bedroom dwelling, where a minimum of two practical parking spaces is typically expected.

The proposal seeks to improve this situation through the partial removal of the existing front garden and the formation of two appropriately sized parking bays. These will be constructed primarily in bound gravel, with a section of proposed tarmacadam to ensure durability and ease of access. A section of existing tarmacadam between the road edge and the development will be retained.

The use of bound gravel is considered more sympathetic to the semi-rural character of the area than extensive hard surfacing, helping to maintain a visually softer appearance and provide drainage.

As part of the works, a section of the existing concrete garden wall will be demolished. A new retaining wall will be constructed using concrete hollow blocks with steel reinforcement, faced with cedar cladding. This approach will provide the necessary structural support while significantly improving the visual quality of the boundary treatment. The cedar cladding introduces a natural material that weathers attractively over time and is more in keeping with the character of the surrounding area than the existing wall.

A portion of the existing grassed garden will be retained, ensuring that the overall green character of the frontage is not entirely lost. The balance between hard and soft landscaping has been carefully considered to minimise visual impact.

Given the site's location at the edge of the conservation area, the proposal has been designed to preserve and enhance the character and appearance of the locality. The scale of intervention is modest, the materials represent an improvement over the existing situation, and the development responds sensitively to both functional requirements and contextual considerations.

Overall, the proposal delivers a practical parking solution while maintaining respect for the setting of the conservation area.