

Application for planning permission HGY/2026/0205

77 Cholmeley Crescent N6 5EX

Demolition and replacement of the existing front boundary wall, demolition and partial rebuilding of an existing side retaining wall adjacent to the front access. Reconfiguration of the front access steps to improve safety and accessibility, with associated landscaping works.

The Highgate Conservation Area Advisory Committee wishes to object to this application, which proposes the removal of the original clinker-brick front garden wall.

Clinker bricks, widely used for garden walls in London suburban developments from the late-Victorian to the inter-war period, notably in Hornsey, are characterful features of many front gardens in the Highgate Conservation Area, but which have regrettably undergone much attrition in recent years (see article in the Hornsey Historical Society). The wall at No. 77, which appears to be sound, forms part of a long sequence (Nos. 53-81) which is now relatively unusual. Its replacement in brick would in our view harm the character of streetscape and the Conservation Area. We would urge the Council to refuse this application and to make every effort to retain these features wherever possible.

Link to a useful article regarding clinker walls in Hampstead.

<https://e-space.mmu.ac.uk/640261/1/clinker%20bricks%20final.pdf>