

MEMORANDUM

From:	Brigitte Crafer Landscape Architect		
Service	WBC Landscape and Trees	App No:	252401
Address:	15a Nine Mile Ride, Finchampstead, Wokingham, RG40 4QD.		
Proposal:	Householder application for the proposed driveway automatic gate, pedestrian gate, low wall and fence to street frontage.		
Type of Development:	Other Householder		
Site Visit Made:	Yes/No		

Summary Of Recommendations

- ☐ No comment
- ☐ No objection
- ☐ No objection subject to conditions (and reasons) **stated below**
- ☐ Request further information before determination as **stated below**
- ☒ Objection due to the reason(s) **stated below**

Comments On Proposal

The site is located along Nine Mile Ride to the west of Finchampstead Road which is in the countryside demonstrated by the dense leafy character to the ride itself where there are areas of woodland adjacent to the ride, and where dwellings are heavily landscaped which contributes to the designation of Nine Mile Ride as a Green Route – as per the Policy Map. The dwellings have trees and hedges to the boundaries and there are protected trees nearby. Nine Mile Ride is the primary ride – that is a non designated heritage asset. The rides are associated with the extended forest of Windsor and created for hunting in the forest by monarchs such as Queen Anne. Views along the ride are sylvan together with a sylvan backdrop to the houses.

The character of the entrances to dwellings in the vicinity are of open driveways with hedges and trees and the house set back beyond. Some of the driveways are fenced with timber a natural material which works well with the setting.

The proposals are for an aluminium fence and gates in grey to a height of 1.76m. The proposals are totally out of character for the setting, and are reminiscent of commercial yards and hi security buildings, rather than a countryside dwelling along Nine Mile Ride.

Part of the proposals include the removal of bushes due to visibility splays, the planted character of the site will need to be replaced with a new planting scheme that may include planting further into the site around the edges which is alluded to

on the plans. Presently there is Laurel it would be preferable to replace with native planting mix such as Guelder rose, Honeysuckle, Privet, Early flowering cherry, Hawthorn.

As it stands the gate/fencing is too high across the entrance and also the metal gates do not match the character and appearance of the setting, where a natural material would be more suitable.

Conditions & Reasons (if required)

Date:	30.10.25	Signed:	B. Crafer
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