

Design and access statement for erection of a fence in the rear garden of Willow Cottage, Wendlebury, OX25 2PW.

Permission is requested from Cherwell District Council for the erection of a fence with gates to redefine the property boundary of Willow Cottage.

The original fence was taken down by the owners of Brookside (the neighbouring property) when they owned both properties (the present owners were renting Willow Cottage at the time). The two gardens became 'shared' on an informal basis. When Willow Cottage was purchased from the owners of Brookside, the fence was not replaced. The boundaries of the rear garden changed when the property was sold. The owners of Willow Cottage now wish to sell their property and would like to reclaim some privacy from their neighbours as prospective buyers might be deterred by the lack of definition of the garden. This can only be done by erecting a fence and gates on the boundaries of the property.

The fence and gate materials will be made from redwood, cedar, or pressure-treated pine (depending on availability). The gates will reach a height of 1880cm, but that includes a 50mm clearance to avoid any flooding issues. Gateposts will be installed to a depth of up to 610mm. There are, therefore, no flooding implications to the erection of this wooden structure.

Access will be unchanged. There are two rights of access to Brookside from Willow Cottage, hence there is a gate at the southern end of the western fence, and the northern edge of the structure is also a gate. This was requested by the owners of Brookside.

There are no other implications to the erection of this fence. The land is private and respects access rights. There are no issues with waste materials, nor an impact on utilities. This is simply the re-erection of a wooden fence with gates to re-establish the boundaries between Willow Cottage and Brookside, Wendlebury.