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APPLICATION FOR NEW 2m TALL FENCE ON FRONT BOUNDARY TO REPLACE 3.5m TALL HEDGE

5 Lennox Close, Chandlers Ford, SO53 1FR

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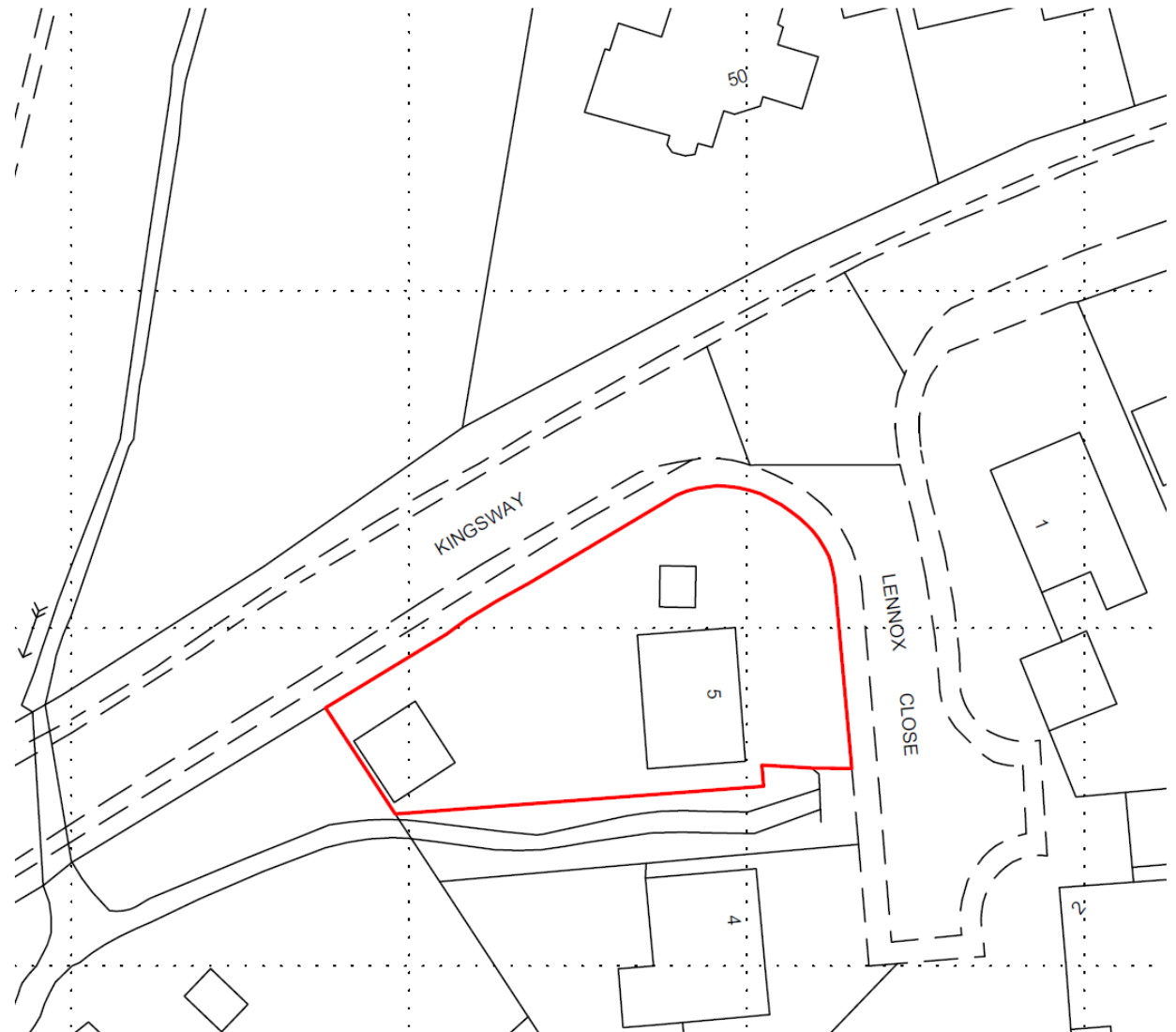
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Background

Location

5 Lennox Close is a detached dwelling occupying a corner plot at the junction of Lennox Close and Kingsway.

The nature of the corner plot results in a relatively large rear garden and a small and awkwardly shaped front garden facing South East.



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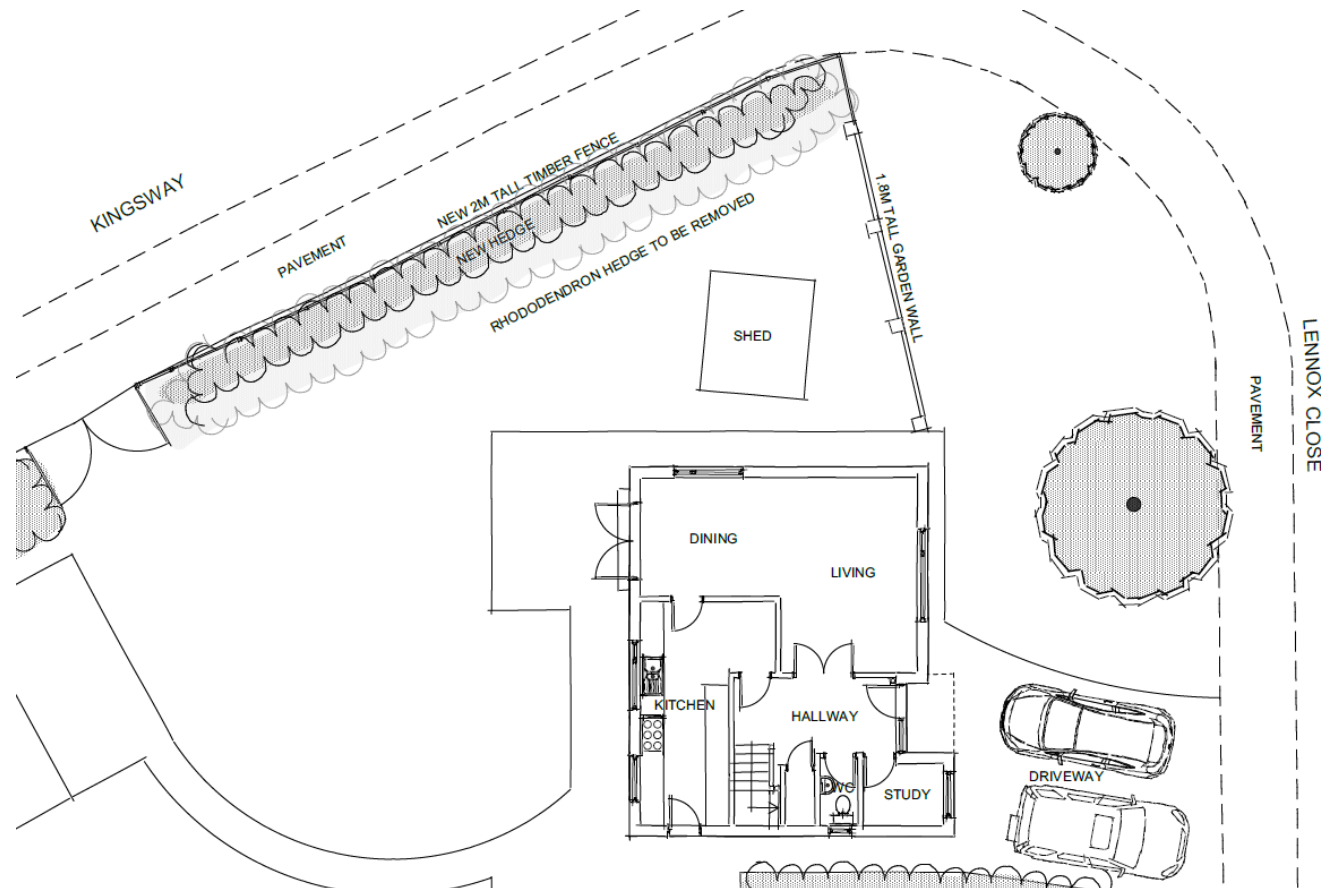
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Background

The Site

The rear garden is surrounded by a large 3.5m tall rhododendron hedge. This hedge provides much needed privacy to the rear garden, which is the only properly usable green garden space available to the applicants. The rhododendron hedge, being 2m in thickness, is not only taking up valuable garden space but as it's an invasive species it's rapidly growing.

The hedge was planted many years ago, prior to occupancy by the applicants, directly on the boundary line.



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Access to the garden is gained through a gate to the west of the property.

The garden level in the North of the site is raised approx. 1000mm from the pavement level. Consequently the hedge is 3.2m tall on the garden side at this point.



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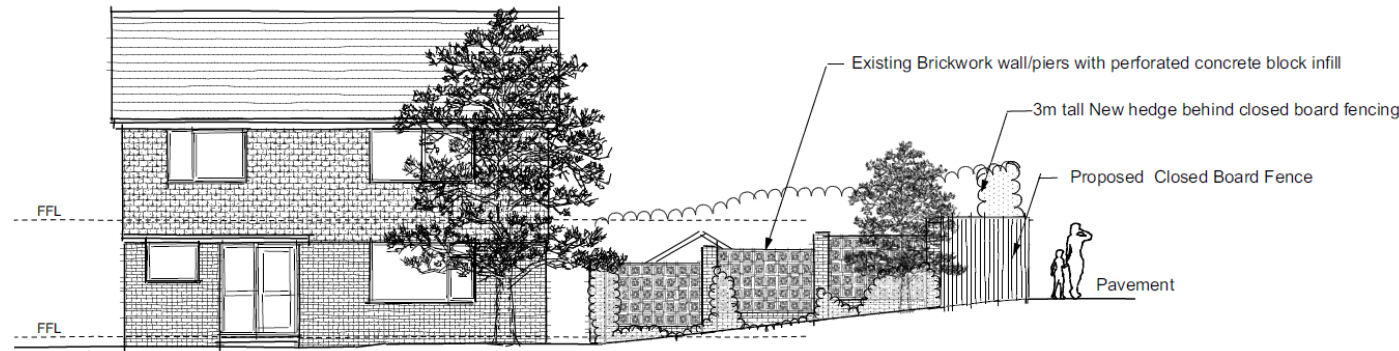
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Proposals

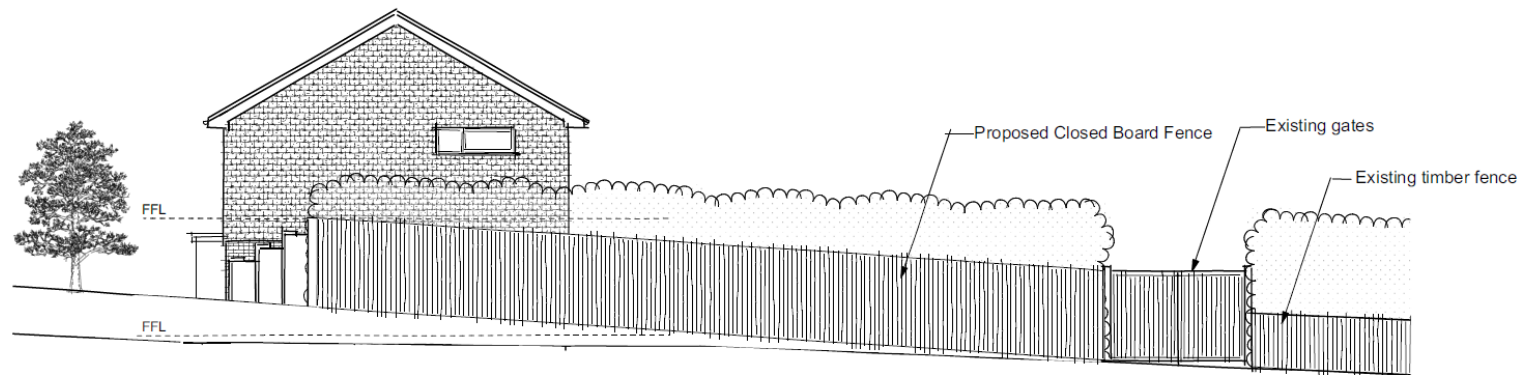
The applicants propose to replace the existing rhododendron hedge with a 2m tall close boarded timber fence with a new hedge situated behind it, which is considerably lower than the 3.5m tall existing hedge.

Rhododendron hedges are non-indigenous to the site and can be harmful to the biodiversity values of the soil in the local vicinity. They can grow and spread in multiple ways due to being aggressive colonisers, resulting in them having to be constantly maintained.

It is proposed to replace the rhododendron hedge with a native species of hedgerow and shrubs.



PROPOSED EAST ELEVATION



PROPOSED NORTH ELEVATION



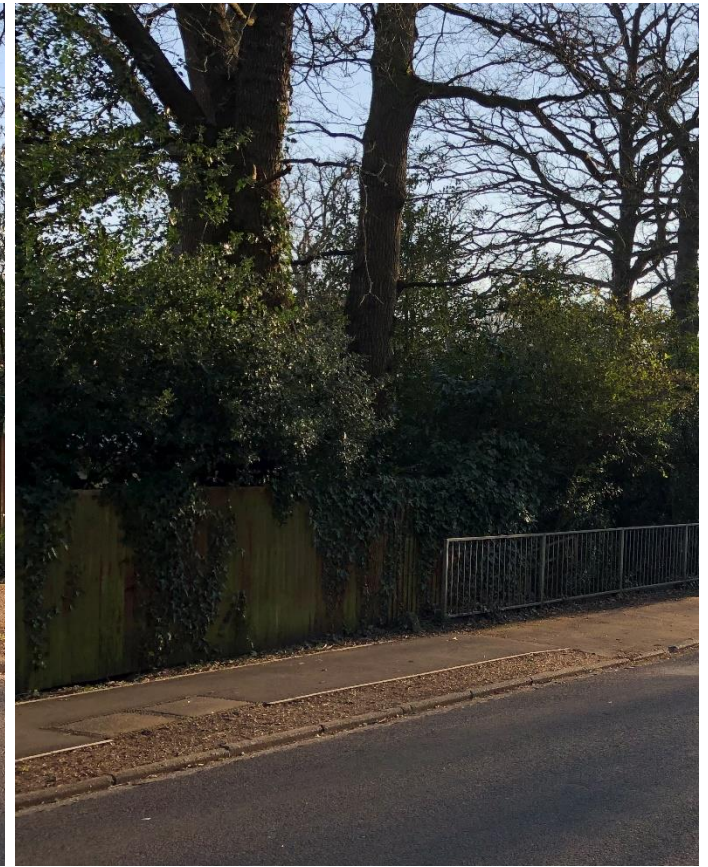
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Precedents

The following examples are all instances within the close vicinity of the application site and elsewhere in the area where similar fencing has been erected on the site boundary with the pavement.



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Summary

A good quality timber close boarded fence with a fence behind it has been proposed to replace the existing hedge to keep the privacy to the garden.

The non-indigenous existing rhododendron hedge is to be removed and replaced with a native hedge that is significantly thinner utilising the usable garden space. Unlike the Rhododendron hedge, the proposed hedge will not change the biodiversity values of the surrounding soil.

Several examples of similar fencing/hedge arrangements have been identified within the close vicinity of the application site and surrounding area.

