



# **Retaining Walls**

## **At**

### **1, 10 and 19 Cheping Gardens, Botley, Southampton SO30 2FW**

Design and Access Statement

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This Design and Access Statement has been prepared by Ellis Belk Associates Ltd on behalf of the applicant to accompany a Planning Application for the The proposed works involving the reinforcement and refurbishment and/or replacement of existing retaining wall structures located within a residential housing development.



Further to Application F/26/100693, the Applicant now requires the 'return' retaining walls adjacent to Plots 1, 10 & 19 Cheping Gardens to be reinforced and refurbished and/or replaced. The existing timber crib-lock retaining wall is deteriorating and requires structural remediation.

The proposal requires two solutions (see plans for locations):

Retaining the existing cribblock wall in place, installing new structural reinforcement elements (Geopins) into the existing structure, and constructing a new Tobermore block retaining wall system directly in front of the existing wall. The space between the existing and new wall will be backfilled with concrete. This approach has been selected to minimise disruption to residents and surrounding properties, as it avoids full demolition of the existing wall.

Alternatively, where the retaining walls are adjacent to existing footpaths providing rear garden access, the existing cribblock retaining wall will need to be removed and a new Tobermore block retaining wall erected in its place to ensure no reduction in the existing footpath width.

There is no change of use associated with this application.