

Epsom Civic Society

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Tom Bagshaw
Case Officer
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Dear Tom

Ref - PLANNING APPLICATION 19/00369/LBA The Durdans Clunch Wall

The Epsom Civic Society is extremely interested in the proposed restoration works for this unique wall. The Durdans Stables' boundary wall represents one of the major historic walls within our Borough and is one of the few remaining clunch walls in the country.

This wall is positioned within the Chalk Lane Conservation Area and provides one of the key features for this beautiful location.

We are delighted that the restoration works are being planned and we fully support this Planning Application. However, we note upon inspection and as previously reported by the Council (Chalk Lane Conservation Area Character Appraisal and Management Proposal document August 2010) that repair works have been previously undertaken to sections of this wall which have not been satisfactory and inappropriate materials used. With this in mind, we would suggest that a sample/mock up area is initially completed and that the works are fully checked against an agreed specification. Upon approval, the main works can be completed.

We attach photographs showing examples of how unsatisfactory the 2010 repairs were completed.

Please accept our positive input to this scheme. We welcome the opportunity for our members to visit the site and view one of the best treasures within Epsom.

Yours Sincerely

Bob Hollis (On Behalf Of Epsom Civic Society)

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