

22 Town Head – Design and Access Statement

This proposal seeks permission for driveway alterations at 22 Town Head, Alton. The design responds to the site's characteristics by improving access, reducing on road parking and allowing for a safer accessway.

The property is a 3-bedroom period house of grade II listing status situated on a narrow road neighbouring St Peters school and church at the top of the village High Street.

The road outside the property is currently very congested with parked vehicles in the evenings and weekends, being compounded by events at St Peters Church, and school, or any of the public houses on the High Street. It is often impossible to access the driveway when vehicles park outside the property, so increasing the radius of the wall corner will aid access and improve visibility especially at the start and end of the school day when many parents drop off and collect their children from St Peters School.

There has been one instance of damage to our car parked on the road since moving into the property 4 months ago, and damage to the front wall by vehicles squeezing past parked cars.

Discussions with our neighbours have been constructive and all are in favour of our proposal.

The layout provides for the following improvements:

1. Allowing for an additional car on the front driveway, thereby removing the need to park on the road.
2. Improving access and visibility onto and off the driveway especially when traffic congestion is high by increasing the wall corner radius.
3. Improved lighting to aid parking onto the driveway at night as there are no streetlights outside the property.

Overall, the proposal will improve the safety of all concerned by improving visibility and access onto and off the driveway and removes the need to park one more car on the road thereby reducing congestion. Materials will match the existing scheme.