

## **Planning Report January 2020**

There has been one new planning application consultations since the last report.

**APP/19/01563 - 6 Palm Hill:** Retrospective application for partial demolition of sandstone wall.

### **Comment**

This application was required because the demolition was not included in the approved application for improvement works to the property. A section of wall was removed in order to create an off road parking area. The original stone gate piers had been retained.

It was concluded that an objection was not justified.

The real significance of this case is that it revealed that a recent High Court judgement had strengthened the control over the demolition of walls in a Conservation Area. The general rule had been that the partial demolition of a wall, not exceeding 50% of its total length, could be classed as permitted development. The new ruling means that within a Conservation Area any demolition of a wall over 1 metre in height, regardless of the extent, requires planning permission.