



Councillor members  
Waverley Borough Council  
Area Planning Committee (Southern)  
BY EMAIL

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Dear Councillors

**Planning Application WA/2019/1057 - Loneside**

The Haslemere Society supports the proposals in this application, subject to two provisos:

1. **That the works must be structurally sound.** We are concerned that the applicant's advisor appears not to be experienced in this type of project, based on the detail of the submitted information and his previous proposal for using railway sleepers. Groundworks projects can involve significant risks if not carried out correctly and we would request that the Council, if minded to grant approval, specify appropriate conditions which we suggest below in the interests of public safety. There is a somewhat vague and inadequate note on the drawings – "Structural Ground Engineer will require consultation to discuss reinforcement in new wall". We understand that a stone wall is now proposed but no details are given e.g. is it a heavy gravity stone wall or a stone-faced reinforced concrete wall? Whilst compliance with the Building Regulations Part A is not appropriate, structural stability and public safety requirements have to be met. We suggest the following approval conditions:
  - a. Soil investigations of ground conditions behind and below the 2m high retaining wall are to be carried including a check on ground water conditions. Calculations for the stability and design of the retaining wall and detailed design should to be carried out/certified by a Chartered Engineer who should also have a remit to check the work as it is executed.
  - b. It may also be appropriate to include conditions relating to checking locations and depths of any services below the public footpath (to ensure these will not be damaged) and surface water drainage and footpath surfacing proposals submitted to the Highway Authority for their approval.
2. **That the footpath itself must be level.** This is for safety reasons, as even a slight slope towards the road would make it difficult for wheelchair users or those pushing prams to avoid veering into the road.

Yours Sincerely

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(on behalf of The Haslemere Society)