

FOI 15170

“Please will you inform me when the flint stone wall that runs along the footpath between King Alfred Place and King Alfred Terrace will be repaired and why this has taken so many years.”

We cannot give a precise date for the completion of work.

This has taken considerable time due to the extensive nature of the investigative works required, including:

- Tree surveys (and subsequent permission to fell)
- Structural Engineer’s reports
- Archaeological Written Scheme of Investigation
- Archaeological test pit investigation and report
- Architectural reconstruction proposals
- Review of surviving material (some of which is from the medieval former Hyde Abbey)

The nature of these reports is such that they could not be conducted concurrently, but had to follow each other.

The work is being coordinated by the Housing Service, with extensive input and guidance by the Historic Environment Team within the Planning Service.

In due course, we anticipate that applications for listed building consent and planning permission to rebuild will be submitted. Following approval of those applications, we hope the works can be carried out swiftly, but this will rely upon finding a suitable contractor, due to the specialist nature of the work, and the weather (as lime mortar must be used, which requires temperatures in excess of 10 degrees Celsius to ‘go off’).

We are currently waiting for the stored masonry from the wall to be graded, ready for the reconstruction.