



Do I Need Planning Permission for Garden Walls?

Do I need planning permission to build a two-metre-high garden wall? The wall will reside inside my garden, eight metres from my boundary line, but will face a footpath and highway. Could I build this wall under Permitted Development rights?

Part 2 of the General Permitted Development Order (GDPO) states that you can't carry out the work under Permitted Development if "the height of any gate, fence, wall or means of enclosure erected or constructed adjacent to a highway used by vehicular traffic would, after the carrying out of the development, exceed one metre above ground level". However, as there is a significant gap between the proposed wall and the highway/footpath, I'd suggest that the location of the wall would not be considered as being 'adjacent to the highway' and therefore perhaps fall within Permitted Development. However, do write to the local planning authority for clarification of this fact, as I have not seen the site. It should also be noted that planning consent would be needed if your property is listed.