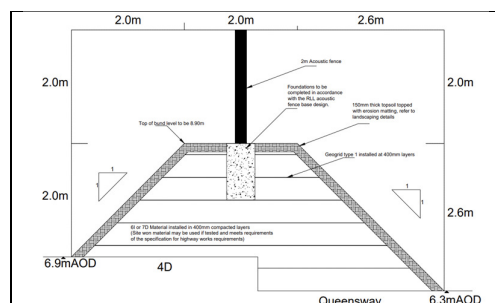




The proposal risks continuation of a poor quality frontage along Queensway as shown below and may require more mitigation.



Issues arising include:

- Risk to the hedge planting being successful given the 1 in 1 slope [water will run-off rather than being retained].
- It is unclear where the hedge will lie in relation to the section.
- Hedge width at maturity or at target width needs to be factored in.
- It is unclear how water run-off will be picked up at the base before this reaches the footpath.
- I assume the hedge will be allowed to grow on but this needs to be confirmed, if not the target height and width is required and consideration of allowing some planting to grow on to vary the uniform approach along the approximately 240 linear meter frontage onto the A4810. A uniform hedge will simply highlight the linearity of the bund and fence rather than mitigate the impact, **widening out to a double or triple hedge at intervals** would help, potentially with ground cover planting along the base. Planting proposals should look to reflect the varied vegetation on the opposite side of the A4810.
- The engineering section shows topsoil held by erosion matting. The landscape proposals show bark mulch – I am fairly confident this will wash off onto the path.
- Run-off from the slope will also be an issue for rear gardens and note buildings highlighted are proposed immediately at the slope base.

Recommendations:

I advise that sections are provided by the landscape consultant at different locations along the bund to clearly show the relationship between the acoustic fence, bund, native hedge, and adjoining uses/surfaces; that water run-off is factored in; and the proposal for planting and bark mulch is reviewed.