

DESIGN AND ACCESS STATEMENT TO SUPPORT PLANNING APPLICATION

For

Fencing Replacement Scheme



at

Longridge High School,
Preston Road, Longridge,
Lancashire,
PR3 3AR

1.0 Introduction

This Design and Access Statement has been prepared to accompany a full planning application for the replacement of boundary fencing which encloses the site of Longridge High School, Preston Road, Longridge, Lancashire, PR3 3AR.

Reference should be made to drawings that are accompanied to the Planning Application.

2.0 The Site

The school site is located off Preston Road, Longridge. The main access route into the site is directly off Preston Road, leading into the school's car park. Vehicles can also access the site via the Sports Hall Car Park off Preston Road.

A combination of existing 1.0m high timber post and rail, 1.5m high metal vertical bar railings and a range of fencing installed by neighbouring properties, forms the site's northern boundary, adjacent to Little Lane and Caron Lodge. 2.0m high steel palisade fencing forms the site's eastern boundary, and the southern boundary consists of 2.0m high mesh paladin fenced areas, adjacent to St Cecilia's RC High School. A combination of 1.0m high masonry walls and metal vertical railed fencing forms the site's western boundary, adjacent to Preston Road.

The majority of the existing boundary fencing is in poor condition, suffering from flaking decoration and corrosion/decay. The fencing also offers minimum security to the school site, with an ongoing issue with vandals/trespassers gaining access to the school site. This is presenting significant safeguarding concerns for both pupils and staff, which needs to be addressed with the installation of a new, secure fencing system.

Proposal / Design

The proposal is to provide new perimeter fencing to enclose the school site, along with replacement vehicular and personnel gates. The existing access routes off Preston Road will all be maintained, along with the installation of a new vehicle access gate off Little Lane for maintenance/emergency vehicles. The new fencing will provide a secure perimeter to protect the site, following trespassing and safeguarding incidents.

Use, Scale & Layout

The proposal is retain the existing paladin fencing installed adjacent to St. Cecillas along the southern boundary. Along the western boundary, adjacent to Preston Road, new 2.4m high paladin fencing will be installed. 2.0m High paladin fencing will be installed to the northern boundary. These works will enclose the site and provide a secure perimeter.

The location and further information regarding the proposed fencing is detailed on the accompanying drawings and product data sheet.

Appearance

Betafence Nylofor 2D 656 welded mesh fencing is to be installed, constructed from heavy welded mesh with double horizontal wires. The fencing will be 2.4m/2.0m in height and polyester powder coated, finished in green (RAL 6005). The replacement gates will match the new fencing in size, profile and colour.

A new, consistent and secure boundary will 'tidy up' the overall appearance and improve the visual impact of the school site. The resultant impact on the surrounding streetscape is therefore considered to be minimal.

3.0 CONCLUSION

The application seeks full planning permission for the installation of new perimeter fencing and associated vehicular/personnel gates, to enclose the whole of the school site.

The new fencing will provide a secure perimeter to protect the site, following the recent safeguarding and trespassing incidents. The consistent boundary fencing will also improve the visual impact of the school site and therefore have minimal impact on the surrounding streetscape.

Although every effort has been made to provide a full account of the proposed scheme within this Statement, the applicant would be happy to discuss the proposal with the planning authority, and provide additional information as required to assist with the consideration of the application.