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Address of Development: Barnacre Road Primary School Barnacre Road Longridge PR3 2PD

Comments: Dear Members of the Planning Board,

I am writing to express my strong support for the proposed installation of a new fence surrounding Barnarce Primary School.

Barnarce Primary School, I have a vested interest in the safety and security of the school premises. Over the past months, I have witnessed children and teenagers leaping over the current fence and tampering with school property. This not only compromises the safety of the students and staff but also leads to unnecessary damage and potential financial strain on the school.

The existing fence is in a state of disrepair, with several gaps that have been temporarily fixed using cable ties and large openings beneath certain sections. These vulnerabilities make it easy for unauthorized individuals to access the school grounds. Additionally, the rear of the school has a dangerous dip that poses a risk to children who might accidentally fall into it. There is also an almost non-existent barrier between the school's garden at the rear of the grounds and a neighbouring house, further emphasizing the need for a secure and robust boundary.

I firmly believe that installing a new, more secure fence will significantly improve the safety of the children and provide better protection for the school's estate and equipment. In an era where schools are already struggling for funding, safeguarding existing resources is more critical than ever. This installation will not only enhance the safety of our children but also protect valuable school assets from potential damage or theft.

By approving this installation, you will be taking a crucial step toward ensuring a safer environment for our community's children and preserving the school's resources.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I sincerely hope the board will look favourably upon this necessary enhancement to our community's safety.