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Thorneyholme RC Primary School, Through Road, Dunsop Bridge BB7 3BG
Proposed New Boundary Fencing
Planning Statement

Description of the works

The proposed works entail the installation of weld meshing fencing and gates to the school boundary fronting onto Trough Road. The new fencing will improve security and comply with the school's safe guarding requirements.

Assessment of the site's immediate and wider context

The site lies within the Forest of Bowland Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty. The school site is located within a rural setting. There are residential properties to either side with farm land located opposite and beyond the playing field to the rear.

The school currently has 2m high green weld mesh fencing along the rear and side boundaries. Directly in front of the school is a low stone boundary wall, which is partly topped with low level metal railings. The section of wall in front of the playground has no railings and with the low level vehicular gates offers no protection from unauthorised access.

The Proposed Works

The school is vulnerable to intruders gaining access into the school playground via the low wall and gates to the front of the school.

The proposal is to install new 2m high weld mesh fencing and gates to the school playground boundary. The new weld mesh fencing is to be located directly behind the low level stone boundary wall.

The replacement vehicular access gates are to be set back within the site in the same location as the existing. The double gates between the playground and the hard standing area to the front of the school are to be replaced with fixed fencing and a single pedestrian gate

The new fencing and gates will match the existing fencing in height, colour and design.

Conclusion

The proposal will complete the school's perimeter security and will enable the school to comply with their safe guarding requirements.

Access into the site and around the school will be unaffected by the proposed works.

The relatively modest proposal is complimentary to the existing and long term established use and hence will not have any detrimental impact on the surrounding area.

The location of the new fencing and gates will complete the perimeter security of the school site

with low level railings mounted on top with a footpath between the school and main road.
The boundary fronting onto Trough Road is currently a low level stone wall with a grass banking between the main road and school site.