

Mrs Dowson's Farm

3/2017/0323 Variation of condition number 4

To exchange a wall of straw bales during Halloween events with a permanent timber fence to the same height of 2.5 metres to deflect sound away from residential properties.

Due to very wet conditions prior to Halloween events at Mrs Dowson's Farm Park over the last two years it has not been possible to place the temporary wall of straw bales to the south of the buildings to deflect noise away from residential properties.

It is proposed to erect a 2.5 metre tall timber fence along the edge of the walk way to provide a similar barrier for noise deflection. The timber fence will be of a close board style as in the image below to ensure noise is deflected back into the farm park.



The fence will be erected alongside the southern edge of the pass which visitors walk along to get back to the farm buildings. **As the fence will be close to the footpath it is more likely to deflect the sound away from neighbouring properties** and it will also provide a more aesthetically pleasing outlook than the straw bales used historically.

It is proposed to plant trees in the grassland to the south of the previously used straw barrier. These will be a mixture of fast growing Alder, Holly, Willow and Silver Birch mixed with slower growing Oak, Scotts Pine, Birch and Poplar. It is proposed to erect the timber fence 2.5 metres tall alongside the walkway which will provide a barrier for noise until such time as the trees have matured.

The site plan below indicates where the planting is proposed and shows the location of the fence which will replace the temporary straw bale wall.