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Hi Carl

Further to our conversation and my site visit this morning, I would like to highlight the following :

- The perimeter fence is not secure. I could reasonably easily climb it at both gates. The anchor point for the inactive gate and locking points make good footholds and the top of the gate posts are flat and easy to rest hands. An immature tree is growing immediately adjacent to the perimeter fence on the outside of the fence line; this looks like another point where the fence can be easily climbed.
- The existing window grilles are effective in deterring burglary and damage.
- The existing roof shows signs of wear and tear as well as damage by missiles thrown from outside the fence line.
- The rotorspike is in reasonable condition and is a good deterrent to prevent access to the roof.

To address the above I suggest:

- A steel cowl, set at a 45degree slope downwards, be welded to the gates at the locking points so that access to the lock is not compromised but the foothold is removed. A solid or mesh panel might also be worth welding on to the gates to prevent the anchor point and top of the locking point being used for footholds.
- The immature tree is removed. It will in time distort the fence line and make it even easier to penetrate the fence. A couple of other very young trees are shooting up and should be removed.
- If the window grilles are to be replaced then I suggest that Crimeshield is used - not Vandalshield which is a less secure product.
- The Decra plus roofing proposed is an SBD product and I welcome its use.
- Despite its appearance I would retain the rotorspike for added security/deterrent.

Hope this helps.

Kind regards

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