Design and Access Statement

In Support of Planning Application at:

St Edmund's RC Primary School

Upper Monsall Street

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Site Security Improvements

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SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS AT ST EDMUND'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL, MILES PLATTING

1.00 INTRODUCTION

1.01 This statement is to accompany the planning application submitted on behalf of the applicant, The Board of Governors of St Edmund's RC Primary School, to support an application to provide new 2.4m high fencing to restrict access and improve security to the school building and playgrounds.

1.02 St Edmund's RC Primary School is set on a 0.65 hectare site located on Upper Monsall Street, Miles Platting, Manchester. The site consists of the main school building, car parking and play areas. The school is located in a predominantly residential area and is bounded by Upper Monsall Street to the South, Monsall Road to the East and fields and vacant land to the North and West.

1.03 The decision to provide the fencing has been driven by the curriculum needs of the school and the requirement to restrict access to playground areas of the site, which are currently open to access to visitors without the need to visit reception first.

1.04 The proposals will ensure that all visitors will need to report to reception and have their identity checked before gaining access to school children.

1.05 Vehicular access gates will be provided to the rear fencing to maintain access for the fire authority, deliveries and maintenance services.

2.00 DESIGN DEVELOPMENT

2.01 Site Context

2.01.1 The school grounds are situated on a largely level site with the school comprising of a combination of single and two storey buildings. The new fencing will be on one level and no ramps or steps will be required for wheelchair and other disabled access.

2.02 Site Layout

2.02.1 The main vehicle entrance to the site will remain, as existing, from Upper Monsall Street and the main reception/entrance to the school will be retained at the front elevation via the entrance gates and car park. Kitchen and other service deliveries, together with waste disposal will continue to be via the vehicle entrance from Upper Monsall Street. No new entrances to the site are to be formed.

3.00 SCALE

3.01 The scale of the proposed new fencing aims to match the existing school building. Re-surfacing works will be contained within the existing site boundaries.

3.02 Drawing numbers 1203.101-102 inclusive illustrate the proposed design.

4.00 LANDSCAPING

4.01 The site plan illustrates how the position of the new fencing will only have a minor impact upon the landscaped areas within the grounds of the site. All other hard and soft landscaped areas will be unaffected.

5.00 APPEARANCE

5.01 The proposed fencing is designed to match the existing fencing at the school and will be to the same height.

5.02 The proposed fencing will incorporate green powder coated steel posts supporting green powder coated steel mesh panels.

6.00 DESIGN GUIDANCE

6.01 The proposed scheme has been developed in accordance with the following:

- Building Regulations
- Department for Children Schools and Families Building Bulletin 99, Briefing Framework for Primary School Projects

7.00 CONCLUSION

7.01 The proposed new fencing will increase the security of the existing building and site.

7.02 The new fencing aims to complement the existing perimeter fencing and building.

7.03 The new fencing aims to provide a safer environment for children to learn and play at the school.