

DESIGN AND ACCESS STATEMENT

For

PROPOSED SECURITY FENCING

At

ST JOHN'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL
CHEPSTOW ROAD
CHORLTON
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1.0 Background

St John's Primary School is a Voluntary Aided Catholic Primary School within the Diocese of Salford serving the Catholic community of Chorlton-cum-Hardy.

Accommodation is within separate Key Stage One and Key Stage Two buildings, with a stand-alone Gymnasium block serving both buildings.

The School is set within its own grounds in a residential area and has a single vehicular entrance from Chepstow Road off Longford Road.

The site is enclosed by 3.0 metre high security fencing on the Western and North Western boundary.

The proposal involves the installation of 3.0 metre high security fencing on the Southern boundary to replace existing 1.8 metre high steel palisade fencing which no longer serves as a secure boundary.

2.0 Amount & Layout

The location of the proposed security fencing is indicated on the Block Plan provided with the Planning application (drawing no. 2023/13/02).

3.0 Scale

The proposed fence would extend from the service access to the rear of 92a Longford Road, behind properties up to 52 Longford Road and thereafter enclosing the remainder of the School boundary on Chepstow Road. Fencing behind residential properties on Longford Road would be within the School site and concealed behind established high beech hedging.



Photograph 1 – Proposed line of fence behind properties on Longford Road



Photograph 2 – Proposed line of security fencing on Chepstow Road following that of the existing steel palisade fencing

4.0 Appearance

The fencing proposed would be a proprietary Paladin FX system. All components would be galvanised and polyester powder coated in RAL6005 (Green), in common with the existing security fencing on the site.



Photograph 3 – Existing security fencing to the Northern and Western boundary

6.0 Landscaping

The proposal has no effect on existing landscaping.

7.0 Security

The existing steel palisade fence to be replaced no longer serves as an effective secure boundary and trespass and vandalism have become an increasing problem. In June 2023 trespassers entered the School during a live teaching session which was distressing for both teaching staff and children.

The School Governing Body, teaching staff and parents are increasingly concerned for pupil safety and the need to protect this weak point in the School site perimeter has now become a high safeguarding priority.



Photograph 4 – Existing steel palisade fencing enclosing the Nursery playground on Chepstow Road



Photograph 5 – Existing steel palisade fencing to the service road access behind 92a Longford Road

8.0 Waste Management

The existing waste collection and management strategy for the School will be unchanged.

The existing steel fence to be replaced would be recycled.

9.0 Access

The proposal does not affect disabled access to or within the School site, but instead seeks to exclude unauthorised access.

10.0 Summary

The School is not listed or situated within a conservation area.

The proposed extension of the boundary fencing would be no higher than existing security fencing previously installed elsewhere on site.

The lighter 'mesh' form of Paladin fencing is less visually intrusive than traditional 'paled' palisade fencing and the colour proposed would blend with natural habitat within and beyond the School boundary.

The proposal is considered an essential safeguarding improvement at the School, as part of a wider package of safeguarding measures being implemented.