

DESIGN & ACCESS STATEMENT

In support of:

**New Paladin Fence System Set Back 2 metres from
School Boundary Along Whipney Lane and between School Woodland and
Neighbouring Farmland at Northern Boundary**

for

Holly Mount R.C. Primary School
Hollymount Lane
Bury
BL8 4HS

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1. Use

The Site

Holly Bank R.C. Primary School sits on a site totalling 0.97 Hectares (edged in RED on the location plan with controlling use of a further 1.08 Hectares of field and woodland owned by the British Isles Province of the Congregation of The Sisters of Charity of Jesus & Mary, Letchworth, Hertfordshire (edged in BLUE on the location plan). The school has a pupil roll of 314.

The site is bounded along Whipney Lane by a 2m high hawthorn hedge, with a vehicular gate at the northern end of the playing fields providing supplementary parking. To the north of the playing field is an area of woodland, used by the school for outdoor education, which is similarly bounded along Whipney Lane by a 2m high hawthorn hedge. The northern boundary of the woodland bounds neighbouring farmland and is separated by an existing timber post and wire fence approximately 1.2m high.

The Area

Holly Mount RC High School is located at the end of Hollymount Lane between Tottington and Greenmount to the northwest of Bury Town Centre.

The Applicant

The Applicant, Ms Eleanor England is the Head Teacher at Holly Bank RC Primary School

The Proposal

It is proposed to supplement the existing hawthorn hedge along Whipney Road, and the post and wire fence to the north of the woodland area with a 2.4m tall 868 wire paladin fence in RAL6005 set back from the Whipney Lane boundary by approximately 2m (to avoid any existing trees), and sitting directly inside the post and wire fence to the north of the woodland area, as indicated on the attached plans.

A matching new 2.4m high RAL6005 vehicular gate is proposed in the location of the existing vehicular gate serving the supplementary parking area at the northern end of the playing field.

The new fencing is required to prevent ingress from the public to the playing fields and school grounds during the school day, weekends and holidays.

Members of the public have gained access to the playing fields and wooded area and caused damage particularly during school holidays.

The new fencing is also a safeguarding project to prevent pupils from the school leaving school premises without the knowledge of the school and to protect the integrity of the outdoor classroom to ensure no damage or intrusion occurs.

It is not envisaged that any existing trees will be affected by the proposed scheme.

2. Amount

285m of new fence is proposed which includes the replacement vehicular gate.

3. Layout

The new fence line follows the Whipney Lane boundary of the site, set back from the existing Whipney Lane boundary by approximately 2 metres, with the replacement vehicular gate replacing the existing 5 bar gate in its existing location set back approximately 5m from the Whipney Lane carriageway. The fence runs immediately inside the line of the existing post and wire fence to the north of the woodland area.

4. Scale

The proposed fence is 2.4m high to match the height of the existing paladin fence within the site. This is considered the minimum to provide the required security to the site.

5. Landscaping

The proposed new fence has been set behind the existing hawthorn hedge and set back from the hedge by approximately 2 metres to minimise the visual impact of the fence from the public highway outside the site.

6. Appearance

The proposed paladin weld mesh fence is to be coloured in a standard RAL6005 green shade to match the existing 2.4m high wire and mesh fence within the site.

7. Access

Existing authorised vehicular and pedestrian access to the site is unaffected by these proposals.