

DESIGN & ACCESS STATEMENT

In support of:

**Additional V Mesh Fence System
Along the School's Western boundary with
Neighbouring Farmland and Adjacent Garden**

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 276.

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. There is a 2.4m high V Mesh fence, erected in 2022 (Planning Consent 68223) set back 2 metres within the Whipney Lane boundary, and along the northern boundary with adjacent farmland.

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 V mesh boundary fence within the Whipney Lane boundary and along the northern boundary with a further 167 linear metres of matching 2.4m tall V mesh fence in RAL6005 along the western boundary with adjacent farmland and adjacent garden as indicated on the attached plans.

A matching new 2.4m high RAL6005 pedestrian gate is proposed in the fence to provide access to retrieve footballs etc from the adjacent farmland (with the consent of the farmer).

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

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

This additional fencing is also an extension to 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

Circa 167 linear metres of new fence is proposed which includes the pedestrian gate.

3. Layout

The new fence line follows the western boundary of the site adjacent to neighbouring farmland and adjacent garden.

4. Scale

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

5. Landscaping

There is no landscaping associated with the new fence other than making good around the footings for the new fence posts

6. Appearance

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

7. Access

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