

DESIGN & ACCESS STATEMENT

Kingsham Primary School, Hay Road, Chichester, West Sussex.

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Background.

Kingsham Primary School, is a 1950's brick built flat roofed single storey construction and sits in a large grassed field with surrounding hard and soft play areas. It is flanked by a housing estate to the North and East, the main A27 by-pass to the South and the High School to the West. The school also has Public footpaths to either side of the footprint to the East and West of the grounds, both of which are, and have been proven to be, vulnerable points of securing the site as a whole.

The need to provide new fencing is one of a Safeguarding issue, having a number of intruders climb over the existing fence and gaining direct access to the main entrance in recent years and which is becoming more regular in incidents. The children attending the school are aged between four years and eleven years. Although the site generally is protected by the housing estate it is vulnerable where the Public footpaths and Public accesses are evident.

Design.

The proposal is to replace the current chain link fence which stands at approximately 1.20m high (mainly adjacent the existing car park area) and the more ridged post type fence (which runs along the West boundary line to the Public right of way footpath) with new powder coated 2,40m high mesh type fence in a dark green colour which will match that which has already been approved and previously installed and completed in compliance with application No. CC/22/00522/FUL. To this end, secure gates with electronic controls and CCTV are proposed to protect the staff car park and the general Public access and egress therefrom as well as the main entrance which is vulnerable from entry via Hay Road.

This proposal has been brought forward due to security breaches over the last two years on site placing the children and staff at risk and therefore considered an urgent 'Safeguarding' issue.

Access.

Generally, pedestrian access to and from the site will not change although some minor improvements for ramped accesses and slightly widened footpaths in places on site are to be included in the overall design.

Vehicular access will be improved by further enabling site access to the car park by authorised vehicles to be removed from the feeder road to the site more efficiently, as the new vehicular gates will have ANPR (Automatic Number Plate Recognition) installed providing a smoother ebb and flow of traffic on and off site.

There will be monitoring and intercom connection from the main reception during operation and over ride controls from the same should the need for intervention be required.

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