Replacement Fencing 3 openings between 104-126 King Henry's Road onto Hawtrey Sector Communal Gardens

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Read in conjunction with drawing PLANNING P01rev-

Background

Chalcot Estate Hawtrey Sector has recently set up a Resident's Association which covers the 70 houses bordered by Lower Merton Rise, Adelaide Road and King Henry's Road.

The houses are built around communal gardens which open onto Lyttleton Close and Hawtrey Road, private roads accessed off King Henry's Road, as well as directly onto King Henry's Road. There is additional access via two paths from Adelaide Road.

The primary concern voiced by residents in setting up the Resident's Association is security. A major cause of concern is the missing and sub-standard fencing adjacent to King Henry's Road which allows dog-walkers convenient toilet facilities, children to wander onto the street and unrestricted access to the rear of a number of houses backing directly onto the unlit gardens. There have been recent burglaries, targeted vandalism and muggings which have been registered through Neighbourhood Watch and which have fuelled the concerns of the residents.

At AGM in March this year the Resident's Association Committee tabled proposals for metal fencing and won majority approval to proceed.

Fencing of each of the three openings onto King Henrys Road will be set back from the road by several meters, sufficient to span between the brick walls of adjacent houses. The fences will be set into the ground to hold themselves independently of those houses. Their height is determined by alignment with adjacent garden enclosures, each approximately 1.75m high. The bars are the smallest section possible sufficient to span the height and as far apart as possible whilst maintaining their fitness for purpose, which is to prevent incidental passage of children or adults whilst minimising the visual impact. The framing is as light as possible, sufficient to hold. The fencing will be powder coated in black to provide the highest quality, least imposing solution to the security issues faced.

There is an intention to provide planting around the base of the fencing to soften the visual impact and we are currently investigating options and quotes.

No reduction in visibility of side traffic or pedestrians is caused to the users of King Henry's Road by the proposal.

Matching gates have been accepted by the Residents Association and Chalcots Estate for the openings onto Adelaide Road and from Lyttleton Close onto the communal garden, which do not require planning permission.



Fence 1, 108-110 King Henry's Road Existing chicken wire in metal angles, 1.85m high



Fence 2, 116-118 King Henry's Road Existing painted timber fencing 1.2m high



Fence 3, 124-126 King Henry's Road Former fencing lost over time