

Design and Access Statement

Islamic Centre of England

Listed Building Consent Application Ref: PP-05112757

Introduction:

This Application is for the construction of new railings to the front boundary to the forecourt of the Islamic Centre of England. The property is Grade II Listed. Listing no. (798-1) 1113102, dated 05/02/1991

This Application is only for external works described above and does not entail any works to the building fabric or structure, external or internal.

Contextual Assessment:

The site is bounded as follows:

- To the East, by a stepped, rendered masonry wall approx 2 metres in height
- To the West, by a stepped, rendered masonry wall approx 2 metres in height
- To the South, by a pedestrian pavement with a vehicular crossover and sliding access gate
- The building is situated to the north of the existing forecourt

Brief and Feasibility:

The Islamic Centre of England wishes to erect a boundary fence for security and to control pedestrian and vehicular access with lockable Gates, following the existing footfall and vehicular access: no new kerb drop is required. The forecourt is finished with concrete brick paviours which will be made good / reinstated after the works.

The requirement of security, control and safe access for the Community needs to be considered in the context of the Grade II original Palace Hall, which has had many uses in the past - a Dance Hall, a Bingo Hall, a Cinema as far as we know, and may outlast the current use as well. The Design considers the Listed Building separately from the current Islamic culture use.

The design is inspired by an English tradition rather than an Islamic although the repeated geometrical motif is of Islamic tradition as well. The pattern is a familiar motif in both cultures. The fabrication consists of four "layers" of metal rails within each panel 2M high, supported by 100x100mm metal posts. The front and rear rods are 12mm thick with the two inner horizontal and vertical rods being 6mm thick. This gives the design a fluid appearance depending on the viewer's standpoint. The overall design is judged to be in keeping with the both the historic and the current use of the Grade II building.

Finish: The proposed paint Colour is Gold, which can be repainted as use changes.

Landscaping and Boundaries:

The Railings and Gates do not affect the existing landscaping which will be maintained as now

Ancillary:

The proposed railings and gates do not affect the existing waste bin arrangements

Access:

There is no change to the existing vehicular crossover or the general footfall entrance

Documentation to Support a Planning Application:

- Existing and Proposed Architectural Drawings
- Photographs
- Design & Access Statement
- Heritage Statement
- Schedule of Works

Guidance and References:

The following policy guidance has been consulted:
National Planning Policy Framework: Section 12