

DESIGN AND ACCESS STATEMENT FOR PROPOSED ALTERATIONS TO THE REAR FENCE OF THE AUDEN PLACE COMMUNITY NURSERY

1. Introduction

This design and access statement has been prepared in support of an application for permission to heighten the rear fence of the ground floor play area of Auden Place Community Nursery (the nursery).

The heightening of the fence is to ensure a safe environment for the children of the nursery to occupy.

The nursery is in a conservation area and an integral part of the Auden Place housing estate.

2. Aesthetic Context

The fence extension has been undertaken in the same style and colour of the previous fence which has been in place for 20+ years.

The location of the fence is at the rear of the nursery and not visible from the street or main pedestrian thoroughfare. The fence is visible to some residents of Auden place and as there is no chance to the look of the fence we do not believe the extension presents a changed aesthetic.

Individual residences in the same part of Auden Place have rear fences which are of varying look, material and condition and are not in keeping with a consistent look and feel of the conservation area. The nursery fence is sympathetic to the original design of the conservation area.

Whilst Auden Place is in a conservation area, the revised height of the fence does not contradict the look and feel of the building or broader estate and is in keeping with the predetermined scheme of colours for decoration of buildings within the estate.

3. Design Proposals

The aim of the heightening of the fence is to provide a safe environment for the children of the nursery to occupy. The original height of the fence was proven to be unsafe as the children may be able to scale the fence and cause themselves or other children injury or worse.

The height of the fence has been extended to 271cms. There have been no other changes to the structure. There are no changes to width, functionality etc.

The choice of materials and colour of the heightened fence is in keeping with the previous design of the conservation area and will not present a change in look and feel of the area.

In doing the work, no materials such as brickwork or concrete will be altered or removed.

4. Community Involvement/Consultation

Appendix A to this document lists names and signatories of Auden Place residents who are supportive of the height extension of the fence.

5. Layout

There is no change to the current layout of the site.

6. Access

There is no change to access to the site.

7. Photographs and Floor Plans

Appendix B to this document shows the fence looking from within the estate.

Appendix C to this document shows the area the fence is located in context to the ground floor of the nursery.

8. Summary

This application addresses improvement to the safety of the nursery and the children that occupy the space.

Appendix A – Residents' Support Signatures



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Dear Residents of Auden Place,

As you know, back in the summer we increased the height of the fence to our little garden as the age of children using the garden changed from babies to pre-schoolers. We were concerned that they were easily able to climb over the old, lower, fence. This presented both risk of injury, and also the danger of access to the car park. Whilst you know that the children are always closely supervised, this was not a risk we were willing to take with other people's children.

We originally painted the new, higher, fence white, in expectation that this would be relatively inconspicuous, and also added decorative spikes to enhance the aesthetics. However, once this was raised as a concern by residents, we quickly re-painted black and removed the spikes as requested, to support the ongoing partnership between you, the residents, and us, the nursery.

Camden Council are being very supportive towards our planning application for this and we know that they would be keen to hear from residents who are supportive of the critical safety measures we have taken, and accept the new fence as it now stands. On that basis, we kindly request your signature below as support for our application.

(If you would like to write something additional, then please drop it into the nursery at your earliest convenience and we will include with our additional information that we need to send them)

Name	Number at Auden	Any comments you would like to add	Signature
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	CHILDREN'S WARDEN NEVER BOther US AT ALL & PLEASED TO HEAR THAT THE FENCING IS HIGH LARGE ACCIDENTS, I AM VERY SUPPORTIVE OF THE SAFETY MEASURES THE NURSERY NOW TAKING.	[REDACTED]



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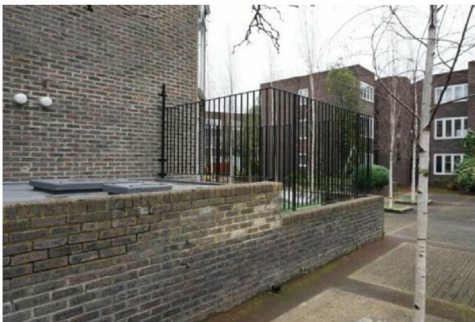
Name	Number at Auden Place	Any comments you would like to add	Signature
		As long the children are safe I haven't got an issue with the school	
		Childrens Safety is Paramount with children need to play outside safely wonderful nursery who always put children first	
		I have no issue with NO ISSUE! Fenna	
		NO ISSUE It's more safer and good weather	
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Appendix B – Fence External Photographs





Appendix C – Auden Place Community Nursery Ground Floor Plan

