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FAO Charlotte Meynell

Thank you for allowing me to comment on planning application 2018/6027/P which relates to the installation of new and replacement fencing/gates to enclose two open spaces within the estate.

I have no objections to the proposals but have the following comments and recommendations to make.

**Comments and Recommendations**

- The height of the proposed fencing is over 1.8 metres which is normally recommended for a protective boundary treatment.
- The design of the proposed fencing appears to reduce the risk of climbing as the horizontal bars, which can be used as a foot hold, are equally spaced apart. The main thing to consider though is if there are objects or street furniture within the public realm and even private side which will reduce the height of the combined wall and fencing. This could be electrical boxes, telephone exchanges or even rubbish bins. If these are close to the boundary then they will be used as a climbing aid. The fence itself should sit flush on the public side of the wall to prevent a foot hold being created on the top of the wall if it is set back... also the height from the wall should be considered to make sure a foot cannot be slid in between the wall and fence. Removing any chance of a foot hold between the two is essential.
- With regards the gates it appears they are to be the same height of any neighbouring fencing and with additional 'weld mesh' protection to prevent persons reaching through the railings and activating any locking mechanisms. If a 'push to release' button is to be installed then it should be far enough away from the gate to prevent it being reached and timed to allow for exit when activated. Additional protection of a cover would be beneficial to prevent a person reaching through the railings with an object to activate it externally.
- The gate itself should have a minimum of two magnetic locks, two thirds from the top and bottom of the frame, with a minimum pull weight of 1600lbs. A self-closer should be installed to ensure it will close once a person has finished using it.
- If any access control is to be installed for visitors then ideally this should be video/audio direct to a flat to allow a resident to open it remotely from their home.

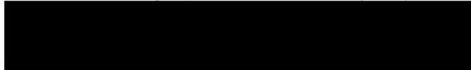
If the applicant wishes any further help or advice regarding this application then I will be more than happy to assist.

Kind regards

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