

# DESIGN AND ACCESS STATEMENT

## 1. Introduction

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This phase covers six sites which are situated in the Regents Park Estate, located to the east of Regents Park in the surrounding Euston Station area. The sites comprise of public green spaces in residential areas of the estate.

The proposals for Cumberland Market include creating a new gate/entrance on the north west corner of the site providing safe pedestrian access directly into the play area. The implementation of the new gate will be dependent on the outcome of the highways scheme around Cumberland Market. It is proposed that the HS2 Road Safety Funds will fund the costs of implementing the new footway, raised crossings and parking changes around the site. This will also enable the proposed new entrance into the playground on the north west corner.

This Design and Access Statement is in support of the planning application to carry out this improvement.

## 2. Access

The current access to the playground is through the main entrances to the park which are located centrally to the north and south. The only access to the play area is via two gateways off the central pathway in the park. Cumberland Market is surrounded by roads and parking bays up against the boundary fence. Access is via the two main entrances and dropped kerb crossing points. It is a longer and less direct route for the children of the nearby school to gain access.

## 3. Layout

The new gate is in conjunction with the proposals of the Road Safety Funds project will provide a more direct, safer, more legible and pedestrian-friendly access to the play area from Redhill Street where Christ Church Primary school is located.

## 4. Appearance

The new gate/entrance will feature a new lockable gate to match the existing railings along the park boundary, e.g metal, powder-coated, painted to match RAL 9005 black.

## 5. Landscape

The new gate is being proposed in the gap between two existing trees. New shade tolerant planting will be planted around this new entrance as part of a larger planting programme for the whole park.



Section along existing northern entrance boundary of playground and location of new gate/ entrance



Section along proposed new gate/entrance to the playground

New entrance to the play area



Existing access to site from the northern entrance



Existing boundary of playground and location of new gate/ entrance



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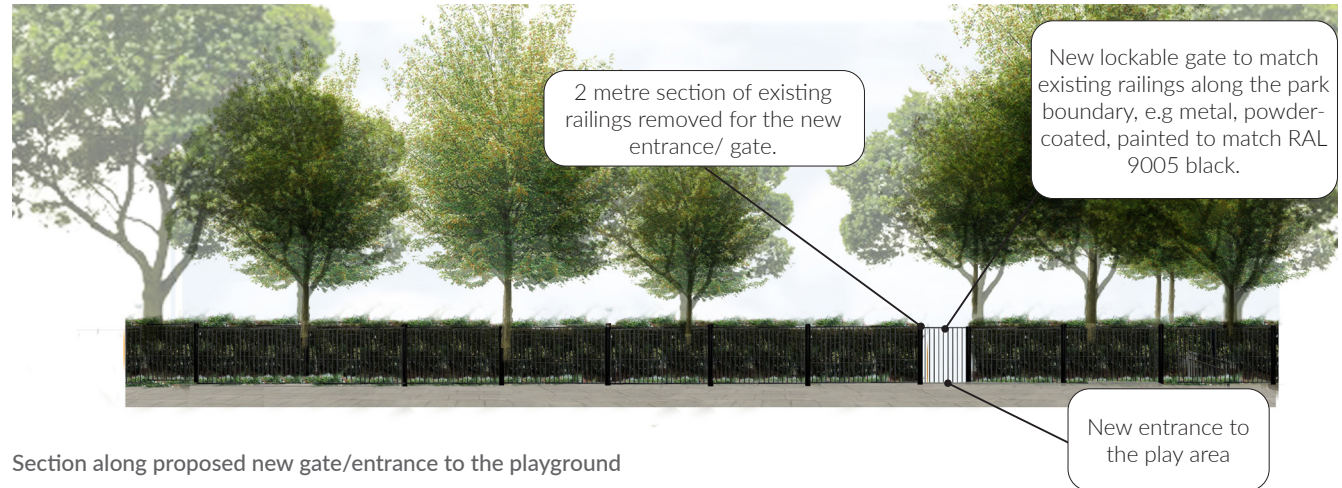
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