

Park Pre-School

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Proposed wall and children's play area fencing

1.0 Summary of proposal

For the safety, wellbeing of children, parents, carers and staff, Park Pre-School wishes to build;

- a) A secure boundary wall.
- b) Secure play area.

This has the support of local residents as the current open car park attracts drug dealers and other youth who leave behind drug related items, broken beer bottles and so on which are highly dangerous for our children. People use our premises as a thoroughfare which raises numerous child protection issues.

2.0 Background

Park Pre-School caters for children's early years (2-5 years old) education between the hours of 08:30 am and 15:30 pm. The Pre-School was opened in September 2014 and has been steadily increasing its children intake and as a consequence it provides much needed employment for nine staff in the area.

The Pre-School is registered with Ofsted for 34 children during the morning and 34 children in the afternoon session, however we are only managing to attract children in the region of 20 - 24 per session.

3.0 The Issue

Currently parents and carers are delighted with what their children learn regarding British Citizenship and Universal Human Values.

However, we have received feedback from some potential parents and carers that they would send their children to Park Pre-School, but wish to see a number of changes, these are;

- a) The premises to be more secure.
- b) Number of times drug needles and other dangerous items are being left by people because the car park is not secure. Parents have also found these items on many occasions and alerted staff.
- c) Youth are using the open car park to buy and sell drugs.
- d) People are leaving broken beer bottles and cans.
- e) The play area needs to be more secure.

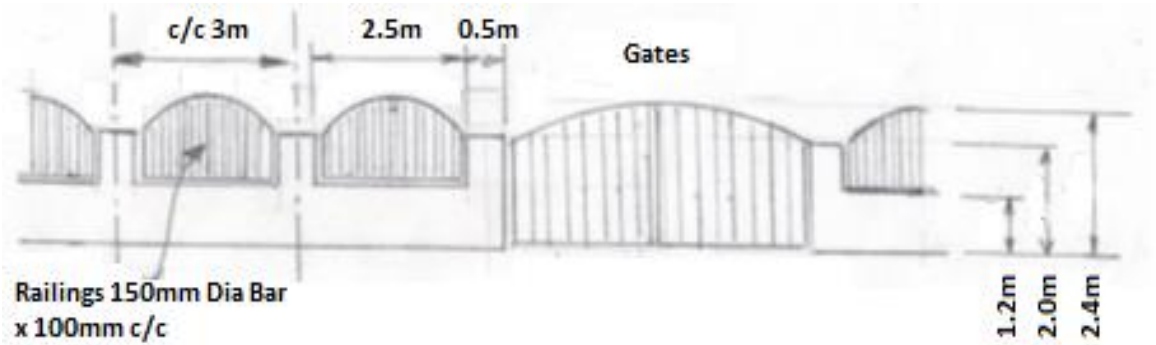
All these are very important considerations from child protection and health and well-being point of view. Currently people use the car park as a thoroughfare which poses a high risk to children.

4.0 Proposal

We wish to secure our boundary to discourage unwanted people from entering the premises. We also wish to build a secure play area free of vehicles where children can play in safety.

a) The boundary wall.

Referring to the attached drawing, the wall will be approximately 1.2m high incorporating a metal fence centred within vertical stone pillars approximately 2.4m high and 3m apart centre to centre as illustrated below.



b) Children's play area.

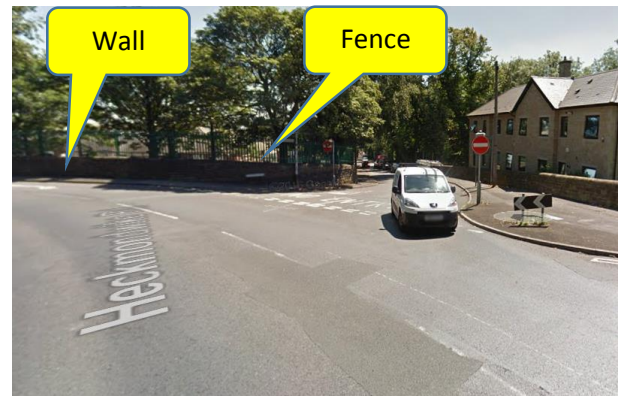
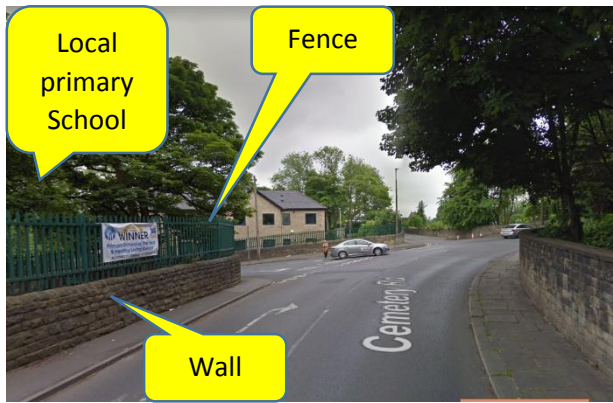
It is proposed to erect a 1.8m standard bow top fence with matching gates. These are proprietary items, typically seen at numerous educational establishments in UK

5.0 Boundary wall height

We require the boundary wall height of at least 2.4m for safety and security purposes similar to the height at Boothroyd School around the corner. **The surrounding area has people with challenging behaviour.** The physical wall is 2m with intermittent curvature of the railing being 2.0 m to 2.4m top point. This gives an illusion of a high fence which deters people with challenging and unsocial behaviour.

This height is required to ensure

- a) **Stop people from throwing dangerous item over the fence**
- b) Pre-school discharges its legal responsible for the children in our care during session time
- c) Ensure we make the Pre-School as safe and secure as possible
- d) Ensure parents feel comfortable that their children are safe whilst at the Pre-school
- e) Stop unauthorised entry
- f) Stop people from climbing over the on evenings and weekends.
- g) Enhance Pre-school image as a safe and secure environment



6.0 Visibility

This junction is similar to the junction at Cemetery Road, Temple Road and Heckmondwike Road. In fact this junction is more busier than the junction at Park Pre-School.

The proposal Drawing No 1MP 002 Rev 7 conforms to

- a) Forward visibility of 18m SSD based on 15mph approach into Whitworth Road as measured along centre line of inner lane.
- b) The wall outer edge shall be clear of the visibility splay envelope
- c) The wall will also comply with the requirement to have 2.4m x 43m SSD along High Street

7.0 Sustainability and safety

By undertaking this project Park Pre-School will be;

- a) Able to fill its capacity necessitating the hiring additional of three / four staff.
- b) Will ensure the safety and wellbeing of the children under our care.