Portland Nurseries
quality care and education for children

Oakwood House
2 Hungerford Road
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Heritage Statement for Oakwood House and The Erection of a Perimeter Fence

The property is a large detached two-story listed building set in extensive grounds and includes a large car park. It is currently used as a children's private day nursery.

Oakwood House is a grade II listed building set in a conservation area on a main road. Portland Nurseries as a company are proud of the heritage of the building and area and take our responsibility to look preserve the building and grounds very seriously.

We are applying for permission to erect perimeter fence inside the original stone perimeter wall consisting of 75mm x 75mm sawn tannalised posts fixed to the inside of the wall, 75mm x 38mm tannalised rails, 100mm x 19mm palings and cappings. Installing 20m hit and miss perimeter fencing to Halifax roadside and 4 m to Hungerford roadside finishing 2ft above the existing wall.

The fence will be attached to the inside of the existing wall and so can be removed at anytime without effecting the integrity of the structure.

We have been at the site for 10 years with various successful planning applications. This is the first application to involve the perimeter fence.

On June 8th we had a security breach of the external perimeter wall and after a thorough risk assessment we made the decision that a fence was needed to avoid further security breaches. Given the nature of our business and the safeguarding responsibility we have to protect the children in our care, we made the decision to begin work before a planning application was submitted. After the incident, police arrived onsite and assessed the existing wall and insisted we erect a fence

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