



Oakwood House
2 Hungerford Road
Edgerton
Huddersfield
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Design and Access 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 capping's. Installing 36m hit and miss perimeter fencing to Hungerford roadside finishing 0.8m high wall top fence.

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

- The overall height of the current fence above the wall is 820mm and the length is 36m along Hungerford Road.
- We considered a fence within the grounds but as we have several mature trees up against our boundary wall, it would not have been practical. We also thought that if someone jumped the wall they would then be hidden from the staff behind the internal fence.

We decided to use timber hit and miss because we believe this to be a neater and more prestigious fence style, complimenting the wall and the building. Using natural materials was also important in keeping with our ethos of forest school practice. We chose timber, although it is more prominent now in its raw state, over time it will turn grey and blend in with the wall and the vegetation.

We have cleared a large amount of undergrowth from the boundary wall including felling two large mature trees due to disease. (see previous applications), making the supervision of the children easier for the staff. This in turn has exposed the boundary wall, particularly on Hungerford road and has highlighted how easy it would be for an intruder to jump the wall and enter the garden. Walking pedestrians can now look over the wall and into the garden and see the children play.



We have been at the site for 13 years with various successful planning applications. This is the second application to involve the perimeter fence. This is an extension of an already existing perimeter fence that was erected in order to improve the security of the children's outdoor play areas (planning reference **Ref: PP-8891407**). There has recently been some trees felled due to disease and this has exposed another area of boundary wall which we believe needs further fencing to remain secure.

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