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**DESIGN AND ACCESS STATEMENT**

for

**SAFEGUARDING**

at

**Scholes Junior & Infant School,  
Wadman Road,  
Holmfirth,  
HD9 1SZ**

for

**The MAST Multi Academy Trust**

**04 August 2025**

REF: S9/10706

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## 1.0 Introduction

The safeguarding project at Scholes Junior & Infant School involves the replacement of the existing low-level fencing and gates, with some areas currently lacking any boundary, with taller, modern mesh fencing.

This upgrade has been identified as a priority by the school's current leadership team to strengthen safeguarding measures and enhance the overall security of the premises given its proximity to a main road. The new fencing will provide a safer environment for pupils and staff, deter unauthorised access, and address ongoing issues related to the unsecured boundary shared with neighbouring properties. This work supports the school's broader ambition to improve its facilities and ensure a secure and welcoming setting for its community.

## 2.0 Project Overview

Scholes Junior & Infant School is located within the jurisdiction of Kirklees Council's Local Planning Authority. This Design and Access Statement has been prepared in support of a full planning application for the proposed safeguarding project at the school, situated on Wadman Road, Holmfirth HD9 1SZ.

The existing infrastructure and access roads in and around the site will be unaffected by the proposal.



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### **3.0 Construction Logistics**

The entrance to the school via Wadman Road and access around site will ensure all deliveries to and from site can be undertaken without any disruption to the school and neighbouring properties.

The proposed roads into the site will be appropriately fenced off with all the required safety signage being clearly displayed segregating site operatives from the school pupils and staff.

All site cabins and welfare facilities are to be located on the school's enclosed car parking area, which will be cordoned off. The cabins will be located within a self-contained compound with perimeter fencing and all the required health & safety signage clearly visible.

#### **Setting**

Scholes Junior & Infant School is located in an urban area and has boundaries with neighbouring properties.

Much of the school site is currently bounded by very low or incomplete fencing, with some areas lacking a secure perimeter altogether. This presents a significant safeguarding concern, as there have been instances where children have managed to leave the school grounds and accessed the nearby road. The lack of adequate fencing not only compromises pupil safety but also exposes the site to potential trespassing and unauthorised access. The area to the west of the school, which includes a small woodland, has also been affected by fly tipping and antisocial behaviour, further highlighting the urgent need for secure boundary treatment.

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2.4m Fencing Locations in **Red**

#### 4.0 Design Proposals & Materials

Pallas security fencing is used as it provides an acceptable level of security but without an oppressive and intimidating appearance. The fencing is designed to be strong and resilient and yet remain unobtrusive. The fencing is installed in colours that enable the system to blend into the environment.

Panels are fully welded and manufactured from heavy gauge wires. The panels are designed with small vertical spacings, making the fencing difficult to climb and all fixings are tamper proof.

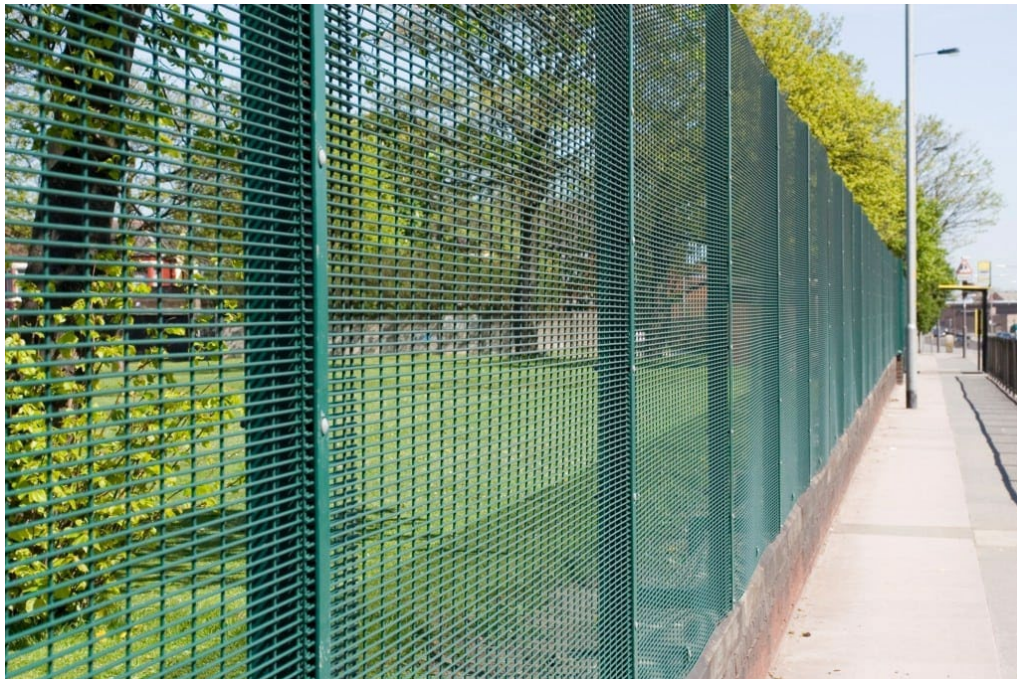
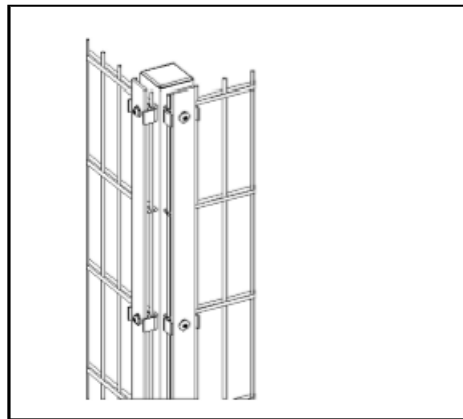
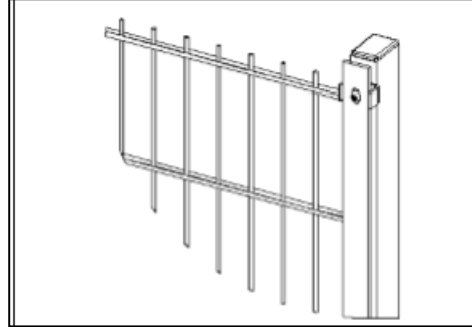
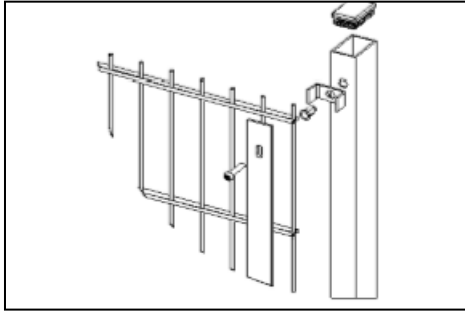
Pallas Fencing to be colour coated Green.

Surface Water Drainage:

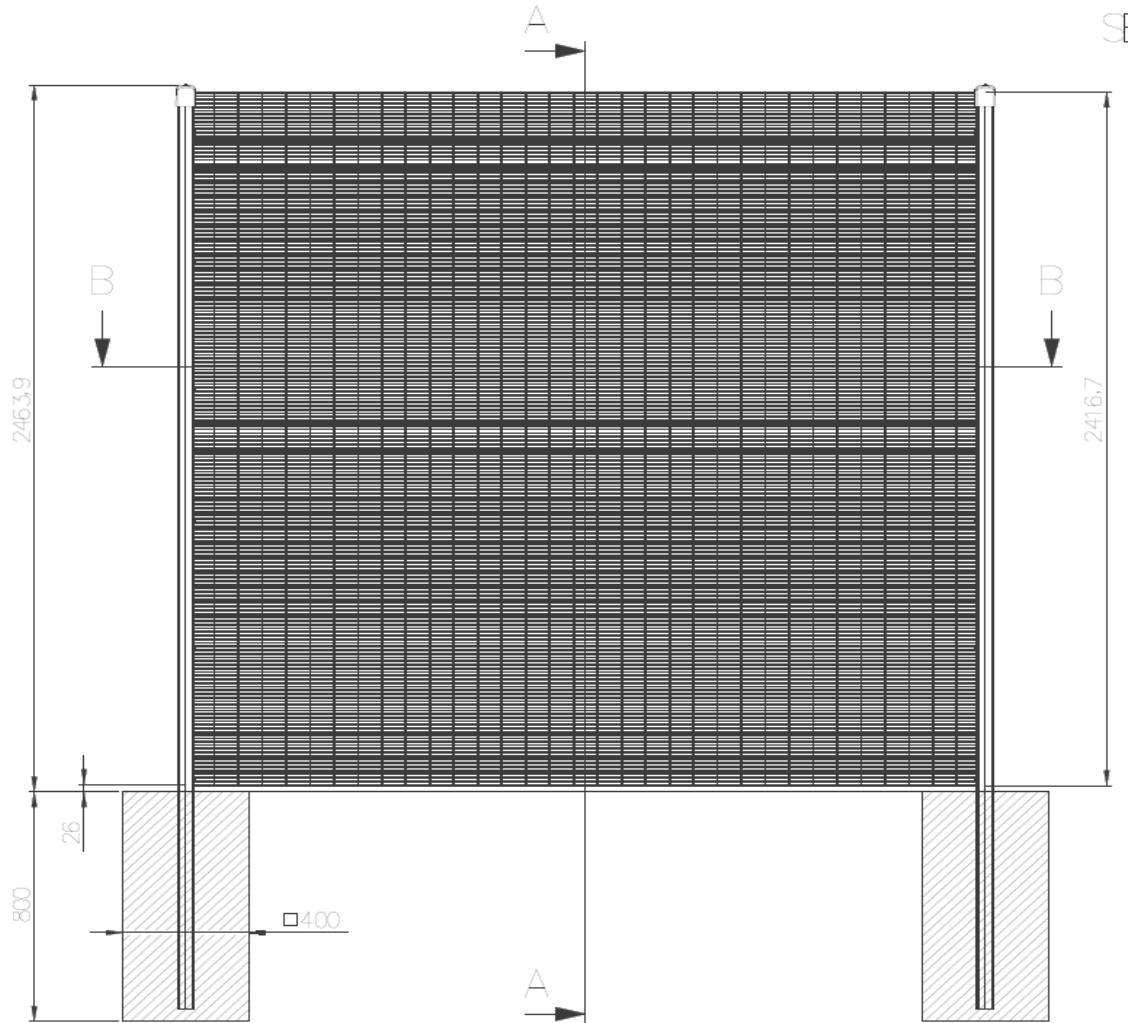
The proposed security fencing will not necessitate the installation of any drainage.

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## 5.0 - External Material Specification



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Proposed Fencing Elevation

Planning Drawings:

- S9-10706-P-01-Location Plan.
- S9-10706-P-02-Site Plan.
- S9-10706-P-03-Fencing Elevations.
- S9-10706-P-04-Double Gate Elevations.
- S9-10706-P-05-Single Gate Elevations.

**6.0 Site and Building Context**

Car parking is plentiful, with clear access and egress points for emergency vehicles. This will remain as original with no impact from the safeguarding project.

**7.0 Legislation and Good Practice Guidance**

We recognise the aims of the legislation, guidance and notes.

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Our design process is influenced by:

- Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981
- Town and Country Planning Act 1990
- Environment Act 1995
- Hedgerow Regulations 1997

Best Practice Guides:

- BS 5837 (2005) Trees in Relation to Construction

The design has been undertaken to meet the needs of all the students, staff and visitors who will use the building and grounds. The design has been developed to ensure where practical full accessibility for all users is achieved.