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**Subject:** DM/25/1114 Hambrook School

Hi Stefan

Further comments on the above planning application. The application has been revised to include the perimeter fence to the property, which it is noted is proposed to be reduced to 2m in height as a solid close boarded structure, with a 400mm high mesh fence above. The applicant has been previously advised that this in conjunction with screening planting to the outer side of the fence may be acceptable compromise. However, I note the following:

- The application does not seem to be accompanied by previously existing drawings showing the fences which were replaced to the south and west sides of the school grounds? These should be provided so that the context of the current proposal can be properly understood.
- The proposed planting plan shows hedging to the external side of the fencing, but is annotated '*maintenance by others- off site*'. I would query whether this provides the reasonable confidence which the Council would require that the planting would be carried out and maintained in an appropriate manner- if the applicant does not own the land, do they have permission to plant in it? How can the ongoing maintenance and health of the planting be assured if this is outside the applicant's control? The weight which could therefore be attached to this aspect of the application, as it stands, would appear to be very limited. It may be that the line of the fencing, as well as the height and design, would need to be amended so that the required planting can be accommodated within the land which is under the applicant's control.

Further comments can be provided when these issues are resolved.

Thanks,

Emily

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