

**14 DCCW2006/1728/F - REMOVE EXISTING DEFECTIVE PERIMETER FENCING. ERECT NEW PERIMETER FENCING AND ENTRANCE GATES AT HAYWOOD HIGH SCHOOL, STANBERROW ROAD, HEREFORD, HEREFORDSHIRE, HR2 7NG**

**For: Director of Children's Services per Herefordshire Council  
Property Services, Franklin House, 4 Commercial Road,  
Hereford, HR1 2BB**

**Date Received: 25th May 2006      Ward: St. Martins & Hinton      Grid Ref: 50135, 37974**

**Expiry Date: 20th July 2006**

Local Members: Councillor Mrs. W.U. Attfield, A.C.R. Chappell and R. Preece

**1. Site Description and Proposal**

- 1.1 Haywood School is located at the western end of Marlbrook Road, Redhill, Hereford. The proposal is to replace the existing perimeter fencing and gates with new 'Tornado' wire fencing. The fence would be constructed with a height of 2.75 metres above ground and 250mm below supported by metal posts, all coloured green.
- 1.2 The fencing will replace existing chain link fencing varying in height from 1.2 metres to 2.7 metres. All existing access points, authorised and unauthorised, will be closed and all access will now be via the main entrances off Marlbrook Road and Stanberrow Road.

**2. Policies**

2.1 Hereford Local Plan:

Policy CON21 - Protection of Trees

2.2 Herefordshire Unitary Development Plan (Revised Deposit Draft):

Policy DR1 - Design

Policy LA5 - Protection of Trees, Woodlands and Hedgerows

**3. Planning History**

- 3.1 The history at this site relates to additions to the school premises.

**4. Consultation Summary**

Statutory Consultations

- 4.1 None.

Internal Council Advice

4.2 Traffic Manager: No objection.

**5. Representations**

5.1 Hereford City Council: No objection.

5.2 One letter of objection has been received from Michael Morris, 39 Marlbrook Road, Redhill, Hereford containing a petition signed by 32 people who face onto the southern boundary of the site. They oppose the application on the following grounds.

- 1) This heavy duty industrial fencing is totally inappropriate for use on a mature residential estate.
- 2) Mature trees will be damaged.
- 3) They agree fencing needs replacement but it needs to be more sympathetic.

5.3 The applicants have advised that the new fencing is required to help prevent trespass, anti-social behaviour, vandalism and break-ins at the school.

The full text of these letters can be inspected at Central Planning Services, Blueschool House, Blueschool Street, Hereford and prior to the Sub-Committee meeting.

**6. Officers Appraisal**

6.1 The school have identified a need to secure the premises, particularly during out of school hours. It appears that the only contentious boundary is the southeastern section which abuts the cycleway and Southdale Estate.

6.2 Along this boundary the existing fencing is only 1.2 metres high and the residents have historically overlooked the school playing field without hindrance from the fencing.

6.3 The fence line also contains a number of mature trees that may need to be pruned and fence posts positioned to prevent damage to trees. The new fence will therefore be 1.55 metres higher than the existing fence giving a new height above ground level of 2.75 metres. The nearest dwelling fronting the fence on this boundary will be approximately 14 metres away. This fencing will assist in securing the premises. Any substantial reduction in height would not provide the security that the school requires.

6.4 The visual impact is noted together with the impact on trees but both aspects are considered acceptable subject to careful treatment of the trees which can be controlled by condition.

**RECOMMENDATION**

**That planning permission be granted subject to the following conditions:**

**1. A01 (Time limit for commencement (full permission)).**

**Reason: Required to be imposed by Section 91 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.**

**2. G18 (Protection of trees).**

**Reason:** To ensure adequate protection to existing trees which are to be retained, in the interests of the character and amenities of the area.

**3. G20 (Remedial work).**

**Reason:** The trees form an integral part of the visual environment and this condition is imposed to preserve the character and amenities of the area.

**4. G21 (Excavations beneath tree canopy).**

**Reason:** To prevent the unnecessary damage to or loss of trees.

**Informative:**

**1. N15 - Reason(s) for the Grant of Planning Permission.**

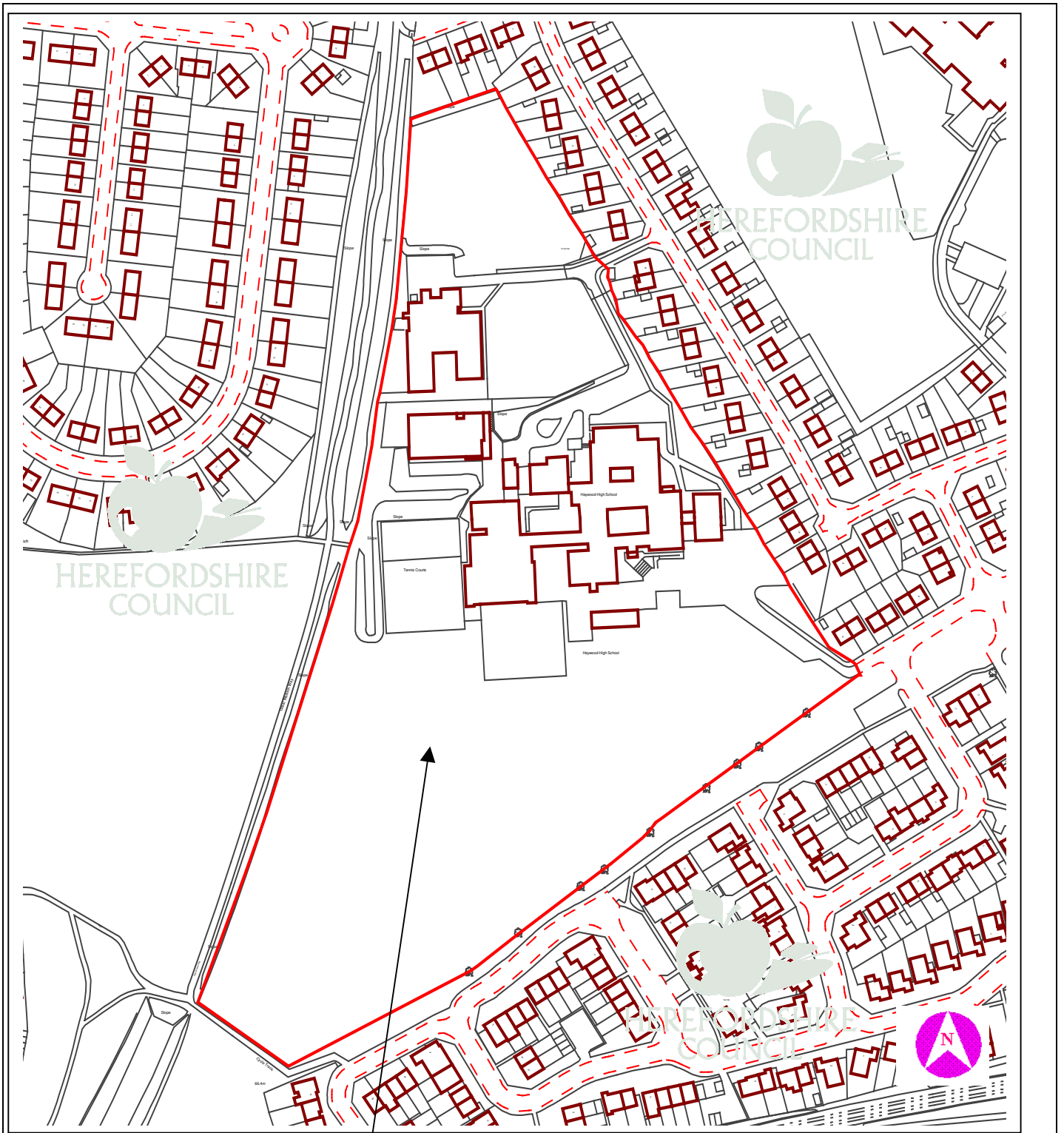
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**Background Papers**

Internal departmental consultation replies.



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**SCALE :** 1 : 2500

**SITE ADDRESS :** Haywood High School, Stanberrow Road, Hereford, Herefordshire, HR2 7NG

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