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PLANNING COMMITTEE

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Report of

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Application Number: TP/11/1546

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Category: Other Development

LOCATION: OAKTHORPE PRIMARY SCHOOL, TILE KILN LANE, LONDON, N13

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PROPOSAL: Erection of additional green weld mesh fencing panels above existing boundary walls fronting Tile Kiln Lane and adjacent to Oakthorpe Court.

Applicant Name & Address:

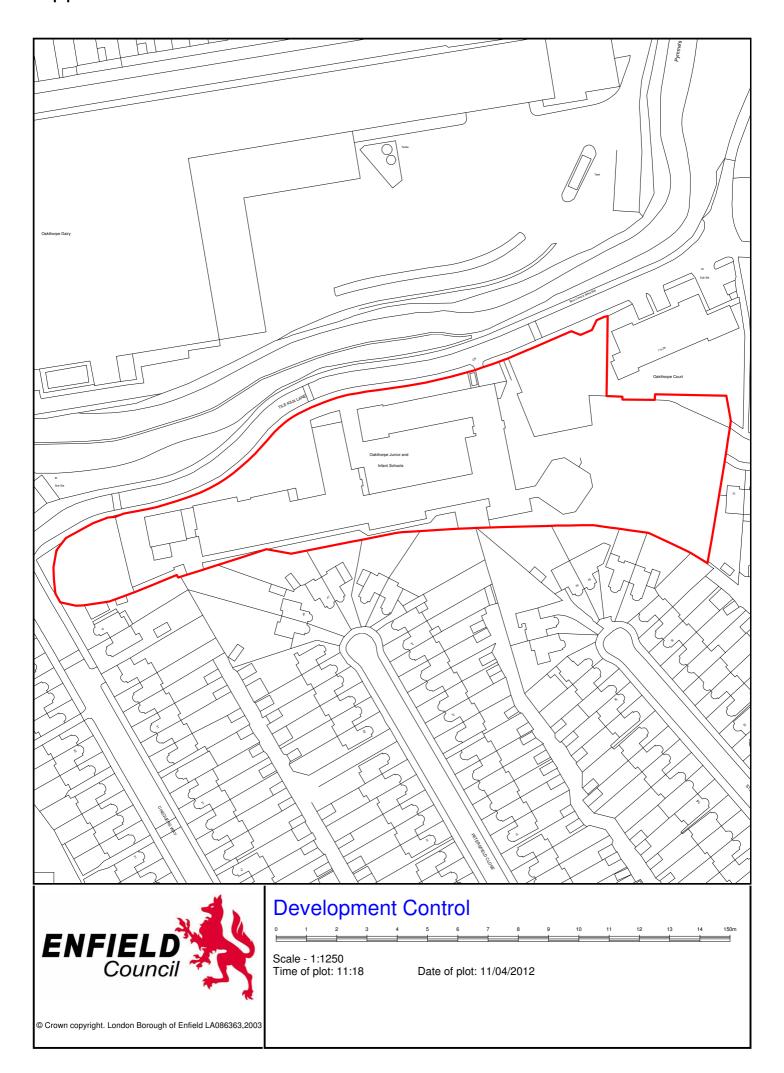
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RECOMMENDATION:

That planning permission be **REFUSED**.

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1. Site and Surroundings

1.1 Oakthorpe Primary School is located on the southern side of Tile Kiln Lane, close to the junction with Chequers Way. The surrounding area is predominantly residential with properties along Petersfield Close directly abutting the site to the south, and Oakthorpe Court to the east. Immediately to the north is the Pymmes Brook with the Oakthorpe Dairy and residential properties beyond.

2. Proposal

- 2.1 Permission is sought for the retention of additional green weld mesh fencing panels above the existing boundary walls fronting Tile Kiln Lane and adjacent to Oakthorpe Court; on the northern and eastern boundaries of the school
- 2.2 The fencing is finished in green and of varied heights. On the Tile Kiln Lane frontage, the heights range from 2 metres to 3.3 metres, on the Petersfield Close frontage the height is 2.8 metres while fronting Oakthorpe Court, the height is 3 metres.:

3. Relevant Planning Decisions

3.1 There is no planning history relevant to the proposed development

4. Consultations

- 4.1 <u>Statutory and non-statutory consultees</u>
- 4.1.1 None
- 4.2 Public
- 4.2.1 Consultation letters were sent to 29 neighbouring properties. In addition, notice was also displayed at the site. No representations have been received.

5. Relevant Policy

5.1 <u>Core Strategy</u>

- CP8 Education
- CP9 Supporting community cohesion
- CP30 Maintaining and improving quality of built environment

5.2 Saved UDP Policies

- (II) GD3 Aesthetics and functional Design
- (II) GD6 Traffic
- (II) GD8 Servicing
- (II) CS1 Facilitate the work of various community services
- (II) CS2 Siting and design of buildings to accord with the Council's environmental policies

5.3 The London Plan (2011)

Policy 3.18 Education

Policy 6.13 Parking

Policy 7.1 Building London's neighbourhoods and communities

Policy 7.4 Local Character

5.4 Other Relevant Policies

National Planning Policy Framework (2012)

6. Analysis

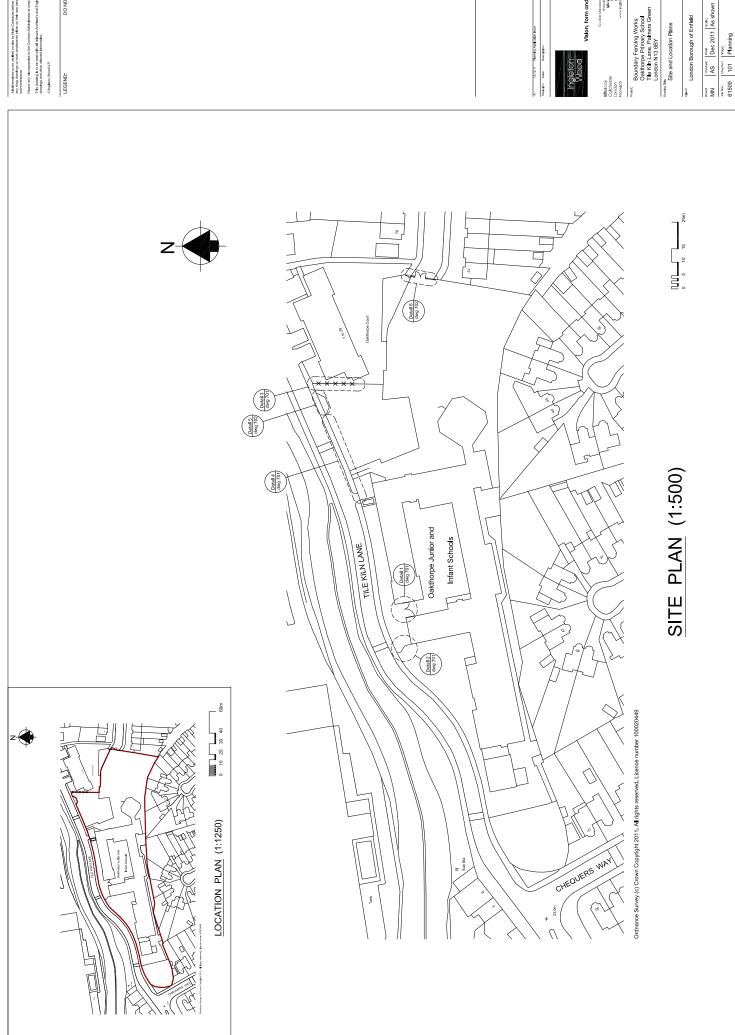
- 6.1 <u>Impact on the Character and Appearance of the Surrounding Area</u>
- 6.1.1 The school is already enclosed by existing fencing of various heights and materials but generally around 2 metres in height. The new weld mesh fencing (the subject of this application) is erected above and/or behind the existing boundary treatments. Consequently, it is visible within the street scene, particularly in regards to the long elevation fronting Tile Kiln Lane extending up to Oakthorpe Court to the east of the site.
- 6.1.2 Whilst It is acknowledged that schools need to be secure to ensure safety of pupils and staff, it is considered in this instance that that the combined depth and height of the fencing together with the incongruous juxtaposition with the existing retained boundary treatment, results in a visually intrusive and discordant form of development within the street scene, particularly given its prominent siting located hard on the common boundary with the public footpath along Tile Kiln Lane. This is therefore detrimental to the character and appearance and visual amenities of the street scene, contrary to policies (II) GD3 of the UDP and CP30 of the Core Strategy and 7.4 and 7.6 of the London Plan.
- 6.2 Impact on Neighbouring Residential Properties
- 6.2.1 Although within a residential area, there are no immediate residential properties that would be affected by the provision of the fencing fronting Tile Kiln Lane or Petersfield Close. In particular, although part of the fencing lies adjacent to Oakthorpe Court, which serves as a hostel and could potentially have some impact on outlook to the windows on this particular flank elevation, the height of 2.8 metres is considered not to be detrimental to residential amenity.
- 6.3 Highways and Parking
- 6.3.1 The existing fencing would not have any detrimental impacts on highway safety in regards to visibility and sightlines to motorists and pedestrians, having regard to Policy (II) GD6 of the UDP.

7. Conclusion

7.1. In the light of the above factors, the fencing is considered unacceptable due to its overall appearance and excessive height within the street scene, resulting in a visually intrusive and discordant form of development detrimental to the character and appearance of the locality.

8 Recommendation

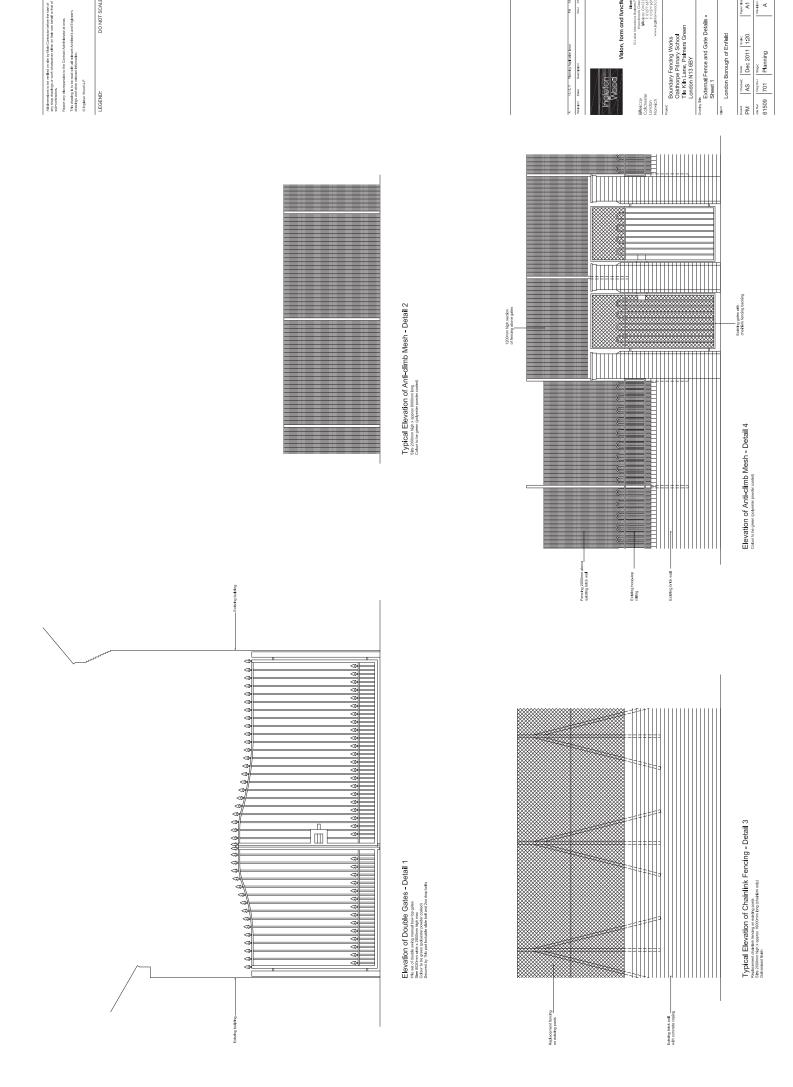
- 8.1 That planning permission be refused for the following reason
 - 1. The fencing by virtue of its overall height and length directly abutting the street frontage of Tile Kiln Lane would result in a visually dominant and overbearing form of development within the street scene, detrimental to the visual amenities and character of the area, contrary to policies (II) GD3 of the Unitary Development Plan, CP30 of the Core Strategy and 7.4 and 7.6 of the London Plan (2011).



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