PROJECT: Proposed new fencing to the school tennis courts.

Design and Access Statement and Supporting Statement to the Planning Application:

The Head and governors of Montsaye have found it necessary to consider the replacement of the existing fencing to the tennis court perimeter, and on behalf of the Northamptonshire County Council are applying for planning permission.

The existing fencing has become damaged and it is not a safe area of sports activity.
It will enable a much better fencing to be installed and the type of fencing that is proposed is designed specifically for sports areas much more so than the old original chain link.
The installation has already commenced but is now on hold pending the decision of this application. Photographs of the existing site area showing both the existing and new fencing boundaries are at the end of this document.

1. DESIGN and USE:
   a. It is proposed that the fencing to the tennis courts are replaced with the Barkers Sports Fencing Range in black powder coat finish. The fencing is made up from panels manufactured using 6mm vertical and 2no 8mm horizontal wires welded at each intersection creating a strong and durable panel, the mesh aperture consists of a 200 x 50mm mesh spacing providing excellent see through visibility!
   b. Post sections available for standard heights are 80 x 80 x 3mm.
   c. Heights of 3.1m and 5m using panel increment sections thus providing a quick and safe installation.
   d. The fixing detail are the Barkers anti-vibration PROFIX Twin clamp assembly provide a smooth and flush detail, protecting against personal injury and product damage.

2. LANDSCAPING and APPEARANCE:
   a. There will be no formal landscaping but it is proposed to tidy the boundary areas where bounded by the rear gardens of adjacent properties.
b. The trees and hedges will not be affected by these proposals although referred to on the application form as being present. No tree survey will be produced.

c. **SPORTS Bronze** has been designed to provide a cost effective solution for most general sporting applications, excellent for use in schools, urban sports grounds, health clubs & ball containment areas.

3. **LAYOUT:**
   
a. The layout of the tennis courts and the boundary fencing is as existing and no further consideration is required. There is no lighting and the courts are being used mainly for school activities.

4. **SCALE:**
   
a. The scale of the proposal for fencing on the frontage has been chosen to reflect adequate security together with aesthetic value to the existing boundary scene. The trees and shrubs that are existing on the boundaries give adequate screening from any of those neighbouring properties.

5. **ACCESS:**
   
a. The access to the school and that down to the courts will not be altered. Financial constraints will not allow this. It is hoped to increase the use of the courts and field there is ample car parking at the front of the school. The proposals in the planning application would mean that during the week there is sufficient capacity for staff and visitors to park and that at weekends there is enough capacity for members of the public using the courts to park.

b. Further access will be encouraged with inter-school activity and out of school time usage and the use of a better fencing will be much safer environment.

c. There is disabled access to the top area of courts and with assistance to the other areas of the fields.

d. The college would like to be able to provide further facility to the wider town community for additional sporting activities within its school grounds.

6. **TRANSPORT LINKS:**
   
a. There is no proposal to further any transport links. The school is within the Rothwell Town boundary and pedestrian use will be further encouraged. Parking is proposed to allow for those travelling from the extremities of the town.

b. There are regular transport links to surrounding villages and these are given encouragement rather than single vehicles by parents.

7. **EMPLOYEES and WORKING HOURS:**
   
a. There is no affect on the existing employees with no proposals.

b. The opening hopurs will be unchanged for this normal educational unit.
8. PHOTOGRAPHS:

View towards E-F: New Fencing 3100 High

View towards D-E: New Fencing 5000 High

View towards C-D: Original Fencing 4500 High

New Fencing 3100 High: G-A

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