

Rockingham Primary School
Rockingham Road, Corby, Northamptonshire. NN17 1AJ

Proposed erection of a security fence around the school grounds

Rockingham Road Primary School was constructed approximately pre war in the 1930,s. Although it has undergone may alterations over the passing years it still has the original railings and gates to the front and part of the side elevation which are only approximately 1.3 meters high and generally now in a poor state of repair. The rest of the fencing that requires replacement is a 1.2 meter high post and rail fence which runs parallel to a new housing development which is being constructed off Occupation Road. This too is in a poor state of repair. The new housing development utilises the existing boundary fencing. The layout of the new development means that the school will have mostly communal areas from the development overlooking straight into the school grounds.

The existing fencing offers no security to the school at all and the school has suffered several incidents over the past year. These include the following.

- Vandalism to the premises including graffiti, wilfull damage and attempts to set fire to the building.
- Burglary and damage to locks and windows
- Broken glass being thrown around the schools external areas.
- Damage to the school grounds.
- Threats and abuse to school staff.
- Intimidation of pupils, parents and staff who are now afraid to be on site after dark or at weekends.
- A negative impact on outside users of the community hall based on the school site.
- Health and safety risk to children from objectionable materials left on site.
- Danger to youths who are scaling the fence and climbing onto the school roof.
- An attempted abduction of a child who was subject of a care order by a member of their own family.

Northamptonshire Police will confirm that they have regularly had to attend the site to various incidents. They would welcome a secure fence around the grounds.

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