

DELEGATED FILE NOTE

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APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
25/01635/LDCP	Installation of (1.83 metre high) perimeter wire mesh security fencing. Installation of electric gate system to main entrance and associated gates.	The Grange Academy Sparhawke Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 4PY

Submitted Plan Nos

Location plan P25383-BA-A1-00-DR-A-2001 Rev PL1 P25383-BA-A1-00-DR-A-2002 Rev PL1 0048893-9
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1.0 Policies

2.0 **Site History**

2.1 Applications for works to the building.

3.0 **Representations**

3.1 No consultation required

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site and Surroundings**

4.1.1 The application site comprises The Grange Academy, on Sparhawke in Letchworth Garden City. The site comprises a school with a large field area.

4.2 **Proposal**

4.2.1 A Certificate of Lawfulness (proposed) is sought for the installation of a (1.83 metre high) perimeter wire mesh security fencing. Installation of electric gate system to main entrance and associated gates.

4.3 **Key Issues**

4.3.1 The key issues for consideration are whether the proposed development would require a specific planning permission or be considered 'permitted development' in line with the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) Order 2015, Schedule 2, Part 2 as amended.

4.3.2 ***A. The erection, construction, maintenance, improvement or alteration of a gate, fence, wall or other means of enclosure.***

A.1 Development is not permitted by Class A if -

(a)the height of any gate, fence, wall or means of enclosure erected or constructed adjacent to a highway used by vehicular traffic would, after the carrying out of the development, exceed—

(i)for a school, 2 metres above ground level, provided that any part of the gate, fence, wall or means of enclosure which is more than 1 metre above ground level does not create an obstruction to the view of persons using the highway as to be likely to cause danger to such persons;
(ii)in any other case, 1 metre above ground level;

The site comprises a school use and (i) applies. The proposed means of enclosure would be approximately 1.83m or less, and would therefore comply. Given the siting of the enclosure away from the highway, and not opening into the footpath, I do not consider that it would harm the view of persons using the highway.

(b)the height of any other gate, fence, wall or means of enclosure erected or constructed would exceed 2 metres above ground level;

The fences and gates will be approximately 1.83m or less. The proposal would comply with the above criterion.

(c)the height of any gate, fence, wall or other means of enclosure maintained, improved or altered would, as a result of the development, exceed its former height or the height referred to in paragraph (a) or (b) as the height appropriate to it if erected or constructed, whichever is the greater; or

The proposal seeks to introduce gates and fences of approximately 1.83m in height. This would be exceeding the former height in some locations. (a) and (b) permit development up to 2m in height, and would therefore be the greater allowance. The proposal would therefore comply with (c).

(d)it would involve development within the curtilage of, or to a gate, fence, wall or other means of enclosure surrounding, a listed building.

The application site/building does not comprise a Listed Building. The proposal would comply with the above criterion.

4.4 Conclusion

- 4.4.1 A Certificate of Lawfulness (proposed) can be issued on the basis that the proposed boundary fences and gates comply with Class A, Part 2 of Schedule 2 of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 as amended.

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Determining Officer Date: 21 August 2025	