



**North
Herts
Council**

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Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for a Proposed Use or Development

Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended)

Publication of applications on planning authority websites

Please note that the information provided on this application form and in supporting documents may be published on the Authority's website. If you require any further clarification, please contact the Authority's planning department.

Site Location

Disclaimer: We can only make recommendations based on the answers given in the questions.

If you cannot provide a postcode, the description of site location must be completed. Please provide the most accurate site description you can, to help locate the site - for example "field to the North of the Post Office".

Number

Suffix

Property Name

Address Line 1

Address Line 2

Address Line 3

Town/city

Postcode

Description of site location must be completed if postcode is not known:

Easting (x)

Northing (y)

Description

Applicant Details

Name/Company

Title

Ms

First name

Michelle

Surname

Miles

Company Name

Agora Learning Partnership Trust

Address

Address line 1

The Grange Academy

Address line 2

Sparhawke

Address line 3

Town/City

Letchworth Garden City

County

Hertfordshire

Country

United Kingdom

Postcode

SG6 4PY

Are you an agent acting on behalf of the applicant?

☒ Yes

☐ No

Contact Details

Primary number

***** REDACTED *****

Secondary number

Fax number

Email address

Agent Details

Name/Company

Title

First name

Surname

Company Name

Address

Address line 1

Address line 2

Address line 3

Town/City

County

Country

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Description of Proposal

Does the proposal consist of, or include, the carrying out of building or other operations?

- ☒ Yes
- ☐ No

If Yes, please give detailed description of all such operations (includes the need to describe any proposal to alter or create a new access, layout any new street, construct any associated hard-standings, means of enclosure or means of draining the land/buildings) and indicate on your plans (in the case of a proposed building the plan should indicate the precise siting and exact dimensions)

The proposal is the installation of a new perimeter fence line around the school, consisting of 1.83m wire Mesh Security Fencing. Works will also include the installation of a new electric gate system to the main entrance that will be linked to the main reception area to prevent unauthorised access to the school. Associated gates will also be installed where needed along with making good to surfaces that are disturbed from the service trench and installation of fencing and gates.

The works will provide the Grange Academy with the following benefits:

- Risk of unauthorised access to the school grounds will be removed
- Pupils will not be able to leave the school site without staff allowing/authorising them
- Maintenance costs and time wasted resolving issues with safeguarding will be removed
- The new works will be aesthetically pleasing to pupils, staff and visitors
- All associated Health and Safety risks will be removed
- The school will have sole control of who enters their premises, without relying on the security and safeguarding measures of their neighbouring school Northfield Infants.

Does the proposal consist of, or include, a change of use of the land or building(s)?

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

Has the proposal been started?

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

Grounds for Application

Information about the existing use(s)

Please explain why you consider the existing or last use of the land is lawful, or why you consider that any existing buildings, which it is proposed to alter or extend are lawful

The existing use of the land is for learning and non-residential installations.

The Grange has been in existence at the site since 1933, by 1961 ownership passed from its founder to a Trust set up by parents, in 1977

The Grange Senior School was opened on the site.

No alteration of the existing buildings is taking place, but the erection of the perimeter fencing and suitable gates is proposed to enhance safeguarding of the site and students.

The fence will not exceed 2 metres above ground level, it will be 1.83m high, and no part of the gates, or fence, will create an obstruction to the view of persons using the highway as to be likely to cause danger to such persons.

Please list the supporting documentary evidence (such as a planning permission) which accompanies this application

Select the use class that relates to the existing or last use.

F1 - Learning and non-residential institutions

Information about the proposed use(s)

Select the use class that relates to the proposed use.

F1 - Learning and non-residential institutions

Is the proposed operation or use

☒ Permanent

☐ Temporary

Why do you consider that a Lawful Development Certificate should be granted for this proposal?

Schools benefit from expanded rights that permit a height up to 2m provided it would not obstruct views or cause safety issues for the highway. The 1.83m fence does not exceed 2m.

The proposed perimeter fence will provide the Grange Academy with the following benefits:

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Site Visit

Can the site be seen from a public road, public footpath, bridleway or other public land?

☒ Yes

☐ No

If the planning authority needs to make an appointment to carry out a site visit, whom should they contact?

☒ The agent

☐ The applicant

☐ Other person

Pre-application Advice

Has assistance or prior advice been sought from the local authority about this application?

☐ Yes

☒ No

Authority Employee/Member

With respect to the Authority, is the applicant and/or agent one of the following:

- (a) a member of staff
- (b) an elected member
- (c) related to a member of staff
- (d) related to an elected member

It is an important principle of decision-making that the process is open and transparent.

For the purposes of this question, "related to" means related, by birth or otherwise, closely enough that a fair-minded and informed observer, having considered the facts, would conclude that there was bias on the part of the decision-maker in the Local Planning Authority.

Do any of the above statements apply?

- ☐ Yes
- ☒ No

Interest in the Land

Please state the applicant's interest in the land

- ☒ Owner
- ☐ Lessee
- ☐ Occupier
- ☐ Other

Declaration

I/We hereby apply for Lawful development: Proposed use as described in the questions answered, details provided, and the accompanying plans/drawings and additional information.

I/We confirm that, to the best of my/our knowledge, any facts stated are true and accurate and any opinions given are the genuine opinions of the person(s) giving them.

I/We also accept that, in accordance with the Planning Portal's terms and conditions:

- Once submitted, this information will be made available to the Local Planning Authority and, once validated by them, be published as part of a public register and on the authority's website;
- Our system will automatically generate and send you emails in regard to the submission of this application.

☒ I / We agree to the outlined declaration

Signed

Barker Ltd

Date

23/06/2025