



Attn: Simon Greenland

Planning and Enforcement Officer
Wrexham County Borough Council
Guildhall,
Wrexham,
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Wednesday, 17 November 2021

RE: Temporary Fencing at 2 Chester Road (former site of Capel Ebenezer)

Dear Simon,

I hope this finds you well.

Further to our last correspondence (5th August, 2021), I have now received the completed Section 106 Agreement & finalised planning extension on our Chester Road site (your ref: WRA P /2021 /0313) which has been dated 3rd November, 2021.

I will attach all of the relevant documentation to an accompanying email; however the purpose of this letter is to address the planning condition copied below:

14. Within one month of the date of this permission, a scheme of temporary fencing along the highway frontage of the site shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The fence as is approved shall be implemented on site within one month of the date of the approval, and thereafter retained until the commencement of the development hereby approved.

In our last correspondence, we discussed the option of OSB sheet fencing – which seemed like a good option at the time – however, having now looked into this in more depth I have been advised that this is probably not the best option for the following reasons:

- OSB Sheet fencing does not allow wind to pass through it and as such is susceptible to blowing down, which can be hazardous particularly on a public highway (I believe this was an issue on WCBC's site on St. Giles Way/Pen Y Bryn, as shown in 'Image 3' below).
- OSB Sheet fencing requires substantial holes to be dug and filled with concrete, meaning that they cannot be moved when required and in the case of 2 Chester Road my interfere with the root system of a large tree that has a preservation order on it (TPO 1 in the WCBC record).

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- OSB Sheet fencing cannot be re-used in the way that other available options can, making it a less environmentally-conscious choice, which is of course something that we must now all consider going forward.

With all of this in mind, I have looked at the options employed on sites in Wrexham & other sites around the country and would like to propose the use of Heras fencing that is completely covered with an 'airmesh' printed barrier (examples of which I have copied below – Images 1 & 2).

I believe that these would be the best option because:

- They allow wind to blow through the panels and so are less likely blow over
- They achieve the council's goal of improving the visual amenity of the area
- Heras fencing can be moved around and is less intrusive/damaging to potential issues in the ground
- The fencing and banners can be re-used and as such is inherently more sustainable than something that would need to be disposed of having served it's purpose.

As this type of fencing has been used on other sites around central Wrexham (see Image 4 below), I would hope that this is an amenable option for this site too?

I shall proceed on the basis that this is a satisfactory option in order to complete the works in a timely fashion (as requested), so please do let me know at your earliest convenience if there are any issues.

If you require any further information, please don't hesitate to let me know via email or telephone – my mobile is the best option at the moment; Covid related precautions mean that I am still working from home from time to time.

I look forward to hearing from you again shortly.

Yours Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a large, stylized 'J' followed by a horizontal line.

John Small
DMR (North Wales) Ltd



Image 1:



Image 2:



Image 3:



St. Giles Way/Pen Y Bryn

Image 4:



Corner of Hope St. & High St.