Access Statement for Replacement Fencing – Dynamic Centre, Wrexham

1. Introduction

This Access Statement supports the planning application for the replacement of internal fencing at the Dynamic Centre in Wrexham. The Centre provides essential services for children and young people with disabilities, and the proposed fencing upgrade aims to improve safety, accessibility, and visual integration with the surrounding area.

2. Site Context

The Dynamic Centre is a specialist facility in Wrexham, offering day-care and activity services for children and young people with a range of disabilities. The current fencing is a post and rail type, which no longer meets modern standards for security or inclusive design.

3. Proposal Overview

The proposal involves:

- Removal of the existing post and rail fencing.
- Installation of new close-boarded pressure treated softwood fencing and gates.
- The new fencing will provide enhanced security, durability, and privacy while maintaining a welcoming appearance.
- Gates will be designed for ease of access, with appropriate widths and accessible mechanisms.

4. Access Considerations

- **Pedestrian Access**: All pedestrian gates will be wheelchair accessible, with level thresholds and clear openings of at least 1000mm.
- **Vehicle Access**: Vehicular gates will accommodate accessible transport vehicles used by the Centre.
- **Visual Contrast**: Fencing and gates will incorporate visual contrast to assist users with visual impairments.
- **Safety and Security**: The fencing will be designed to prevent climbing and unauthorized access, while ensuring visibility for safeguarding.
- **Emergency Access**: Emergency services access will be maintained and clearly marked.

5. Inclusive Design

The fencing design supports inclusive access by:

- Ensuring safe navigation for users with mobility or sensory impairments.
- Providing secure boundaries without creating a sense of enclosure.
- Enhancing the overall environment in line with the Centre’s inclusive ethos.

6. Conclusion

The replacement fencing will significantly improve the safety, accessibility, and appearance of the Dynamic Centre. It reflects a commitment to inclusive design and supports the Centre’s mission to provide a secure and welcoming environment for children and young people with disabilities.