

APPLICATION NUMBER: 25/0269

PROPOSAL: REPLACEMENT OF OLD FENCE WITH SECURE BRICK WALL AND GATES (PART RETROSPECTIVE)

SITE: Oakfields Nurseries Lighthouse Road Newport NP10 8SF

APPLICATION TYPE: Full

CONCERNS AND FURTHER INFORMATION REQUIRED

Policy

The site lies within the Wentlooge Special Landscape Area and is covered by a number of national policies (archaeology, historic landscape) and the LDP policy for Green Wedge.

Special Landscape Area policy SP8 requires proposals to contribute positively to the area through **high quality design, materials, and management** schemes that demonstrate a clear appreciation of the area's special features.

The proposal should meet the requirements of GP5 General Development Principles – Natural Environment :

- v there would be no unacceptable impact on landscape quality
- vi the proposal includes an appropriate landscape scheme which enhances the site and the wider context including green infrastructure and biodiversity networks.
- vii the proposal includes appropriate tree planting or retention where appropriate and does not result in the unacceptable loss of or harm to trees, woodland or hedgerows that have wildlife or amenity value

Concerns

The site and backdrop of trees and outgrow native shrubs is clearly visible from some distance along the B4239 in both directions as shown below, this is a key and well used route through the Wentlooge Levels. My concerns are that a red brick wall would stand out in the landscape and that the wall footings will remove part of the green backdrop.



B4239 heading east



B4239 heading east



B4239 heading west



B4239 heading west

Photos of the existing gates and brick walls is required to understand the impact of the existing arrangement, and therefore the likely impact of the wall extension. Photos should include **point blank views from both sides of the gate and those from the public locations shown above** so that both the local impact and wider impact can be assessed.

The application form states there are no trees or hedges, but this is not the case. Wall footings will remove any root protection area. Wall footing extents should be shown on a revised plan in relation to the existing trees and their root protection area. A tree survey to BS2837 will be required and needs to be based on accurate locations of trees. If the damage has already occurred from unapproved work, then appropriate native mitigation planting will be required.

Further mitigation planting may be required but this will be assessed on receipt of the further information.

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