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Tuesday 29th September 2026

Dear Mr Christian,

Town and Country Planning Act 1990
The Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure)
(England) Order 2015

Application No: F/26/101957
Description: Installation of 3.0 metre high steel mesh security fence with personnel and vehicular access gates to eastern boundary of the Dog Training Field, following removal of existing boundary fence.
Site: POLICE TRAINING CENTRE, ROYAL VICTORIA COUNTRY PARK, NETLEY ABBEY, SOUTHAMPTON, SO31 4TS

Following your discussion earlier today with the case officer, Gary Osmond, as requested, I can confirm that the position in relation to what could be undertaken via permitted development for enclosure of the Dog Training Field at the Police Training Centre, Royal Victoria Country Park, Netley Abbey.

Under The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015, Schedule 2, Part 2, Class A, the erection, construction, maintenance, improvement or alteration of a gate, fence, wall or other means of enclosure is considered to be permitted development (i.e. does not require formal planning consent) provided certain stipulations are met. These are as follows:

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;

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

(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

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

Whilst adjacent to the access drive from Hamble Lane to the training centre, I am content that this would not be classed as a highway for the purposes of the GPDO, meaning that any new or replacement fencing can exceed 1.0 metre in height. However, as is set out in A.1(b) above, the height of any gate, fence, wall or means of enclosure is only considered to be permitted development provided it does not exceed 2.0 metres in height above ground level, anything above this height will require formal planning approval.

Whilst the GPDO sets out how high a means of enclosure can be via permitted development it does not offer any restrictions in terms of materials or appearance. Notwithstanding, I would request that should the option of providing new fencing under permitted development be pursued, that the form, materials and finish of the fencing is sympathetic to the visually open nature of the site and its location within a historic park and garden, being part of the former military hospital.

Although within a historic park and garden, for the purposes of A.1(d) above, I do not consider that any fencing around the Dog Training Field would be considered to involve development within the curtilage of a listed building.

I hope that the above sufficiently answers your enquiry and sets out the position in relation to what can be undertaken via permitted development for the provision of new fencing around the Dog Training Field. However, should you have any queries,

please do not hesitate to contact Gray Osmond using the details at the top of this letter.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "N Parker". The signature is written in a cursive style with a horizontal line underneath the name.

Nicholas Parker
Planning Manager