Ward: Bury East
Item

## Applicant: Bury Council

Location: Geoffrey Kershaw Centre, Deal Street, Bury, BL9 7PZ
Proposal: External alterations to doors and windows; Erection of 2.4 metre high and 3 metre high V mesh fencing; Installation of CCTV

Application Ref: 70467/Full Target Date: 17/04/2024
Recommendation: Approve with Conditions

## Description

The site consists of an existing building, which is in use as a Pupil Referral Unit (PRU) and is located in the southern part of the site. The building is single storey and is constructed from red brick with a pitched roof. The northern part of the site contains a hardstanding, which is in use as a car park and a multi-games use area. There is an existing palisade fence around the perimeter of the site. Access is taken from Deal Street, which leads to a car park.

There are residential properties to all boundaries.
The development involves the erection of 2.4 metres high and 3 metre high mesh fencing. The 2.4 metre high fencing would be located within the around the existing car park and the 3 metre high fencing would be located around the existing play area. The existing palisade fencing would be retained.

CCTV would be located on the building and would be focused on the land within the school boundary.

The works to install the fencing and CCTV have been completed and as such, the application is retrospective.

## Relevant Planning History

35006 - Demolition of former gymnasium; the provision of a supervised tarmac play area and 2.4 m high palisade security fencing around site at the Arthur Scholes Building/Former East Ward Gym, Deal Street, Bury. Approved with conditions - 24 February 1999

36939 - Residential development - 24 dwellings at Geoffrey Kershaw Centre, Maxwell Street, Bury. Approved with conditions - 28 February 2001.

41928 - Installation of social seating shelter at New Kershaw play area, Deal Street, Bury. Approved with conditions - 2 March 2004.

Adjacent site
66803-Conversion of existing house into 2 terraced houses at 73-75 Deal Street, Bury. Approved with conditions - 15 June 2021.

68370 - Single storey side/rear extension at 29 Chestnut Avenue, Bury. Approved with conditions-11 July 2022.

## Publicity

60 neighbouring properties were notified by means of a letter on 22 February 2024.
2 comments have been received, which have raised the following issues:

- Work began at the end of January without any communication.
- The fence erected is taller than the fence that is already there. Why? The site looks like a maze.
- What is the use of this building and who are the facilities intended for?
- Has the potential for more traffic been considered?
- Your letter asks for comments, but it's pretty clear that the decision has been made given the building work has already begun. Was there a motive for issuing the letter late?
- As a local resident who is paying taxes what is the centre to be used for?
- The majority of the works have already been completed.

The objectors have been notified of the Planning Control Committee meeting.

## Statutory/Non-Statutory Consultations

Traffic Section - No objections.
Pre-start Conditions - Not relevant.

## Development Plan and Policies

EN1/2 Townscape and Built Design
EN1/3 Landscaping Provision
EN1/5 Crime Prevention
CF2 Education Land and Buildings
HT6/2 Pedestrian/Vehicular Conflict
SPD6 Supplementary Planning Document 6: Alterations \& Extensions
PFE Places for Everyone
NPPF National Planning Policy Framework

## Issues and Analysis

The following report includes analysis of the merits of the application against the relevant policies of both the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), the adopted Places for Everyone Joint Development Plan Document (PfE) and the saved policies within the adopted Bury Unitary Development Plan (UDP), together with other relevant material planning considerations.

The policies of the UDP that have been used to assess this application are considered to be in accordance with the NPPF and as such are material planning considerations. For simplicity, just the UDP and PfE Policies will be referred to in the report, unless there is a particular matter to highlight arising from the NPPF where it would otherwise be specifically mentioned.

Principle - Community Facilities - Policy CF2 states that the Council will, where appropriate, consider favourably proposals for the provision, improvement and dual use of educational facilities.

The new paladin fencing is required to increase security at the school and protect the school property. The development would improve the educational facility and as such, would be in accordance with Policy CF2 of the Bury Unitary Development Plan.

Visual amenity - The paladin fence has been located around the car park and pupil play
area and the existing palisade fencing on the perimeter of the site would be retained. As such, the existing palisade fencing would screen the proposed paladin fencing from view. Therefore, the development would not have an adverse impact upon the character of the area and would not be unduly prominent in the streetscene. The development would be in accordance with Policies CF2 and EN1/2 of the Bury Unitary Development Plan.

Residential amenity - The 3 metre high fencing would be 10.2 metres from the nearest residential property. The paladin fencing contains a mesh, which allows light to pass through. As such, the fencing would not have an significant adverse impact upon the amenity of the neighbouring properties in terms of privacy and loss of light.

The cctv cameras would be located on the perimeter of the school building and would be rotated to ensure that they only overlook school property. As such, the CCTV cameras would provide security without having a significant adverse impact upon the privacy of the neighbouring properties.

Therefore, the development would be in accordance with Policies CF2 and EN1/2 of the Bury Unitary Development Plan.

Highways issues - The location of the fencing would be located within the site and the existing fencing on the perimeter would be retained. As such, the development would not impact upon the visibility splays for pedestrians and vehicles. The Traffic Section has no objections to the development. Therefore, the development would not have an detrimental impact upon highway safety and would be in accordance with Policy EN1/2 of the Bury Unitary Development Plan.

## Statement in accordance with Article 35(2) Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) (Amendment) Order 2015

The proposal complies with the development plan and would improve the economic, social and environmental conditions of the area. It therefore comprises sustainable development and the Local Planning Authority worked proactively and positively to issue the decision without delay. The Local Planning Authority has therefore implemented the requirement in Paragraph 38 of the National Planning Policy Framework.

## Recommendation: Approve with Conditions

## Conditions/ Reasons

1. This decision relates to drawings numbered NKC-RYD-00-ZZ-DR-A-0100 P2, NKC-RYD-00-ZZ-DR-A-3602 P3, NKC-RYD-00-ZZ-DR-A-8902 P1, NKC-RYD-00-ZZ-DR-A-0101 P4, NKC-RYD-00-ZZ-DR-A-0103 P2, NKC-RYD-00-00-DR-A-0401 P5, NKC-RYD-00-00-DR-A-3001 P9, NKC-RYD-00-ZZ-DR-A-3600 P3, NKC-RYD-00-ZZ-DR-A-3601 P3 and the development shall not be carried out except in accordance with the drawings hereby approved.
Reason. For the avoidance of doubt and to ensure a satisfactory standard of design pursuant to the policies of the Bury Unitary Development Plan listed.

For further information on the application please contact Helen Leach on 01612535322

## Viewpoints 70467



PLANNING APPLICATION LOCATION PLAN

ADDRESS: Geoffrey Kershaw Centre


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