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Planning Statement

Description of the works

Outlined will be the sequence of planned works at Frant C of E Primary School for the installation of new fencing and additional features.

1) Approximately 100LM of EuroGuard fencing at 2400mm is to be installed close to sections of the school's boundary as shown in 'DWG24065-103-B SITE PLAN EXISTING & PROPOSED'. Along the South & East boundary the fencing installed in proximity of a tree line & hedgerow. However, the works **DO NOT** include the removal of any scrub, hedges or tree branches/limbs. The 60x80mm posts for the fencing will be carefully hand dug into the ground to avoid any harm of potential root systems in the area.

2) The works will also see the installation of three new gates along the perimeter.
- One 6000mm wide EuroGuard Double Leaf automated gate at 2400mm high will be installed to replace the old timber gate acting as the school's vehicle entrance.
- One 2000mm wide EuroGuard Single Leaf gate at 2400mm high with self-closing strut and maglock will be installed to act as a new pedestrian entrance.
- One 2000mm wide EuroGuard Single Leaf Gate at 2400mm high with standard open latch and lock. Will be installed on the South boundary for maintenance purposes.

3) Included in the development will also be a new Paxton access control system featured on the new vehicle gate as well as the pedestrian gate. Fencing contractor will cut into tarmac road surface to install a ground loop for vehicle exit including a controller. Two Paxton surface Vr panels with protective hoods will be installed, one on the frame of the pedestrian gate and the other on a mounting post. Both gates will also feature Paxton exit buttons. The Paxton vr panels will be powered off an entry control unit for each panel.

4) The control units for both the Paxton surface Vr units and ground vehicle loop require connection to mains electricity. This will require the excavation of trenches for the laying of ducting for electrical cabling as well as data. Historical drawings showing the configuration of existing services has been provided and reviewed. There is a foul sewer that runs through the intended path of excavations. However, we envisage the depth of the sewer at the point of excavation is deep enough that it will not conflict with the proposed cabling & ducting. Any excavated surfaces will be reinstated including for paved and tarmacked areas. A Ground Penetrating Radar (GPR) survey will be carried out to the working areas where excavations are to be undertaken.

Reason for the development

- As it stands Frant Primary School's main entrance into the building and car park is easily accessible to the public from Church Road. The introduction of a new fencing system along the perimeter will very much increase the security of the school and give both the staff, pupils & parents a greater peace of mind knowing the school is more secure.
- Introduction of Paxton access control to the new gates also gives the school control over who can enter the grounds and will allow them to communicate with parents picking their kids up from school, delivery drivers and all other visitors from the surface vR panels mounted on posts next to either new gate.
- The installation of a ground vehicle loop to the new gate is also a positive feature to the school as it eliminates the need for a vehicle user to exit their car to un-latch the gate. Instead, the loop activated by the weight of the car will trigger the gate to open on a timer allowing vehicles to exit the grounds more efficiently.

Affect on the High Weald Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty

- Visually, much of the new fence line will be concealed within the grounds of the school. The proposed South Boundary will be obscured by the trees & hedge lines on Church Road, whereas the proposed East Boundary will be concealed via the existing hedge line separating the church & the school.
- It is also worth mentioning that the school already features twin wire mesh fencing.
- To be sympathetic to the natural surroundings we would specify that the fencing be of a Green RAL 6005 finish.