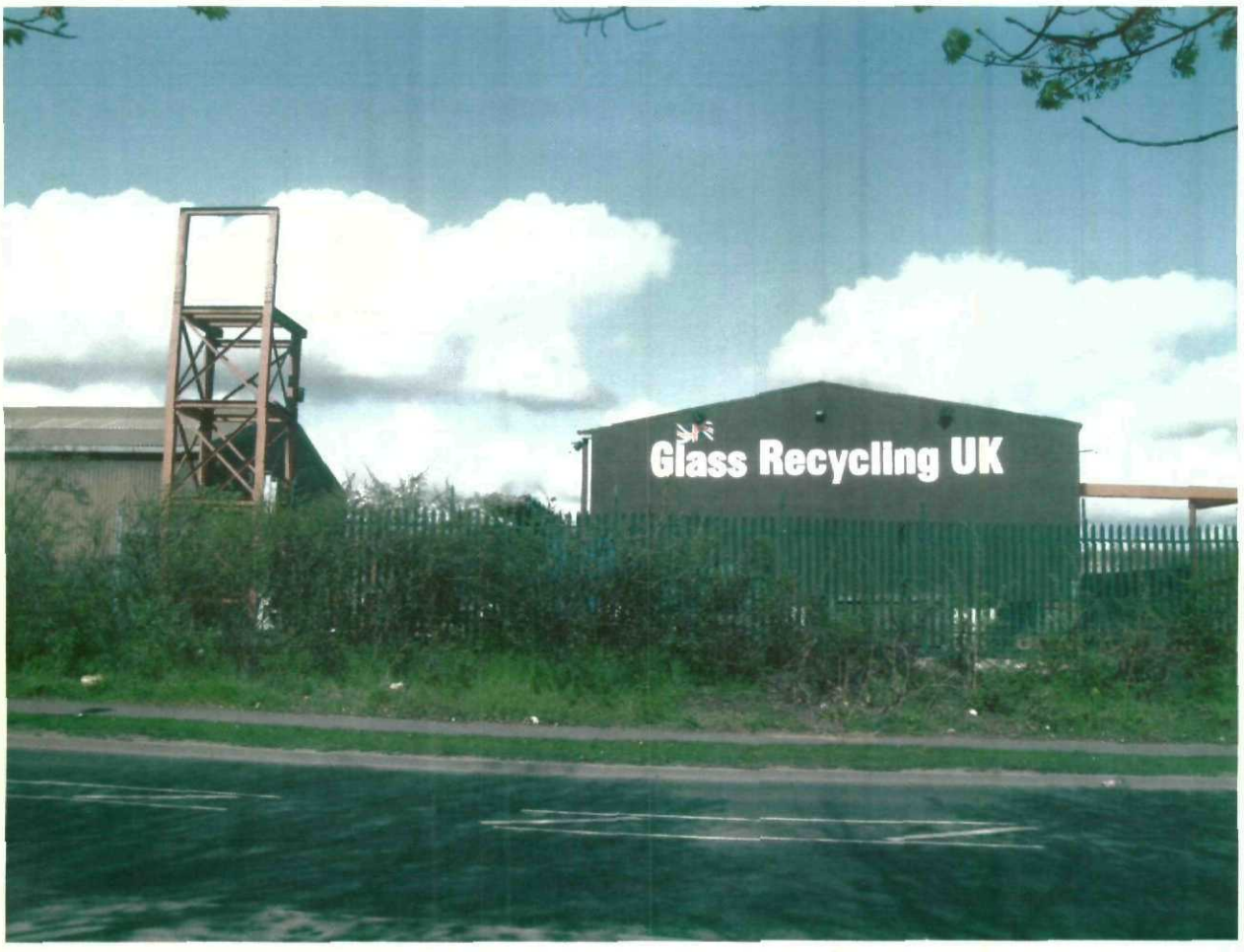
PROPOSED BOUNDARY SECURITY FENCE

FOR GLASS RECYCLING (UK) LTD

CARLTON ROAD/MIDDLEWOODS WAY, BARNSLEY

DESIGN & ACCESS STATEMENT



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General:
This Design and Access Statement is to be read in conjunction with TP Architecture drawings numbered:

1014.020 Site layout
1014.021 Location plan
1014.022 Elevations and details of security fence

The site:
The site is located approximately 2 miles north east of Barnsley town centre just off the A61 between Barnsley and Wakefield. The site forms part of the land on which Glass Recycling (UK) Ltd are currently constructing a new processing plant as an extension to their existing operation, which fronts Carlton Road and has been established for a number of years.

The proposals:
The new building and service yard is currently under construction (planning approval ref: B/04/0749/BA) on the site to the rear of the existing premises. The majority of the extension site has a 3m high perimeter wall. This serves a number of functions including screening and security but the main purpose of this wall is to enable the recycled material to be satisfactorily stored, contained and manoeuvred around the site. This is a fundamental element of the recycling process.

In recent times the sire has become a target for intruders and it is apparent that the 3m high perimeter wall is totally inadequate as a deterrent to this. Consequently the proposal is to erect a 2.4m high security palisade fence on top of the wall as an added security measure. The applicant has considered a range of options including hawthorn type shrubbery, other types of fencing and lower fencing but has concluded that the proposal is the least they need to do to create an effective barrier to intruders.

In addition to the issues of theft that the fence aims to try and address, the applicant is concerned re the safety of anyone not properly equipped or trained entering the site. There are a number of items of extremely heavy plant which operate the site and all personnel who habitually use or visit the site are given proper training to minimise the risk of any accidents, etc. There is clearly an unacceptable risk of injury to anyone entering the site without this correct equipment or training.

Due to the location of the perimeter wall and thus the proposed fencing it will be barely visible from the north and east directions, which are already well screened by the established planting to this edge. In addition a substantial landscaping scheme is to be carried out as part of these proposals, which has been approved as part of the ongoing construction project. The applicant will certainly consider enhancing this further with additional hawthorn type shrubs, as this will act as a further level of protection to the boundary. However due to the timescale in which this would need to become established, it is not a suitable solution on its own. Thus the requirement for the proposed fencing.

Supporting Information

Given the recent incidents the local Crime Prevention team have visited the site and made some observations and recommendations. They very strongly advise that the site does require fencing of the type proposed in order to prevent significant future problems. The Crime Prevention team have also reiterated the issues of safety to persons entering the site unlawfully, as noted above. Copies of the report prepared by the Business Crime Reduction Centre are included as part of this application.

Summary:

The security fence is essential to help prevent further incidents of theft and potential injury to inadequately informed/trained intruders. It will be screened from view from most directions and will have little or no effect on any other premises. Consequently it is considered that the proposal is a satisfactory compromise between the issues of site security and safety and the visual amenity of others properties in the vicinity.