

Design and Access Statement for

The Installation of Palisade Fencing at School Street Darton Barnsley

Background

School street allotments are owned and managed by Barnsley MBC. The allotments are leased out to members of the public and also a community garden to grow vegetables and fruit. However in recent years this allotment site has been targeted by vandals, damage includes fencing and sheds being burnt and vegetables and chickens being stolen.

Groundwork Dearne Valley is working in partnership with BMBC and NHS Barnsley on a new project to improve allotments sites across the borough. School Street at Darton is the second site to be improved. Work will include installing perimeter palisade green powder coated fencing to a height of 1.8m to secure the site. The fencing will be a "W" profile with rounded notched tops and installed by contractors who will dig holes by hand and secure the fence posts in place with cement.

Any tracks or pedestrian routes onto the allotment will remain accessible by the installation of gates.

A meeting has been held on site with Groundwork Dearne Valley's Allotment Project Officer and Alex Cotton Planning Officer BMBC. It was decided that planning permission will be required for a small section of fencing that is within 1m of a highway (please see the enclosed map).

Any machinery needed for the work will be stored in a secure container, and where possible any materials taken off site will be recycled. There will be no skips on site and any rubbish or green waste which is not the correct size for chipping will be taken off site with a grab lorry.

Prior to any work taking place a consultation event will be held by Groundwork Dearne Valley so that local residents and land owners can voice their opinion and views about the proposed work.