

Design and Access Statement: Proposed installation of anti climb rollers at Belfield Community School

INTRODUCTION:

Applicant

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Proposal

This planning application relates to the installation of anti-climb roller guards at the following premises.

Belfield Community School

Samson Street,

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OL16 2XW

The following text comprises a Design and Access Statement to comply with relevant local authority requirements.

CONTEXT:

Description of existing premises.

The school is a primary school for ages 3-11 of mixed gender. The buildings are thought date originally from the 1960's and comprise a series of linked, flat roofed classrooms, halls and ancillary accommodation.

Recently solar PV panels have been installed to the upper flat roofs. Given the vulnerability of the PV panels in terms of potential damage/theft by intruders / vandals measures are required to deter persons climbing onto the upper flat roofs. Consideration has been given to several options and the favoured solution is to install anti climb roller guards.

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DESIGN:

Vandgard Roller barriers

This unique system consists of flame-retardant, unbreakable roller tumblers, threaded onto a central shaft which is supported at 2metre intervals by fixing brackets.

Too large to get a grip on, the 115mm diameter tumblers rotate freely and independently on the shaft to form an unstable barrier that's difficult to climb over yet won't cause injury. The rollers can be supplied either in black or green [to LPA requirements].

The Vandgard Roller Barrier has a soft, unobtrusive appearance also makes the system ideally suited for installation in sensitive areas such as schools, as unlike more aggressive systems, it is not seen as threatening.

Layout.

The positioning of the roller bars is a function of the position of the points of unauthorised access onto the roof. The number of guards specified is the minimum number necessary to provide adequate protection against intruders / vandals.

Scale.

Not applicable

Appearance.

The proposal will not materially affect the appearance of the premises and the guards are visually unobtrusive.

ACCESS:

Not applicable

JUSTIFICATION:

The school is located in a vulnerable location which is prone to unauthorised access by vandals and intruders. Preventative measures are required to protect the solar PV panels installed on the upper level flat roofs. The preferred option is to install anti climb roller guards since these are visually unobtrusive and non threatening to the occupiers of the school. We respectfully request the application be supported.

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