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Proposal:	Augment the existing stone and brick boundary with a 1.8 metre-high metal palisade fence powder-coated in blue
Location:	St Peters C Of E Junior School Mount Pleasant Aylesford Kent ME20 7BE
Applicant:	Gov.St Peters C Of E Primary School And KCC Education

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### **1. Description:**

- 1.1 This proposal is for the augmenting of existing stone and brick boundary walls with blue palisade metal fencing up to 1.8m high. The fencing is proposed adjacent to the school playground facing onto Church Walk & Vicarage Close for security and to prevent balls going into the road. Fencing is to be erected along the southern boundary to Coronation Gardens, where 0.6m high fencing will be sited on top of an existing stone wall. On the northern boundary with the access to the Vicarage the new fence will replace existing wooden palisade fencing to a height of 1.8m. The western boundary opposite the Church of St Peter and St Paul will be 1.8m high blue palisade fence augmented with the low level stone wall and piers.
- 1.2 The school states that they have already erected augmented stone walls and palisade fencing fronting on Mount Pleasant.

### **2. The Site:**

- 2.1 The application site lies within a Conservation Area and the rural settlement confines of Aylesford. The main school complex lies off Mount Pleasant and is a ragstone building, with frontage ragstone walls augmented with blue palisade fencing. A separate playground lies to the northwest of the Mount Pleasant fencing and is the area subject to the current fencing. To the south of the site lies Coronation Gardens, whilst to the north lies the access to the Vicarage and beyond Vicarage Close and to the west lies The Church of St. Peter and St. Paul.
- 2.2 The relevant TMBLP 1998 policies are P4/4 (Conservation Area), P4/11 (Quality of New Development) and P6/3 (RS3 (b) Settlement).

### **3. Planning History:**

- 3.1 TM/04/00429/CR3 Approved 29.03.2004  
Replacement of overgrown chain-link fence (approx. 3.5m high) with a 1.8m high metal palisade fence powder coated in blue.

### **4. Consultees:**

- 4.1 PC: No objection.

4.2 EH: No comment.

4.3 Private Reps: Initially one letter of objection was received from The Church of St. Peter & St. Paul, however, a second letter has been received stating that they now have no objection to the proposed new blue fence. A second letter of support has been received from a local resident.

**5. Determining Issues:**

5.1 The main issues to consider are whether the proposal will harm the character of the Conservation Area and this RS3 (b) Rural Settlement and whether the proposal will detract from the visual amenity of the locality.

5.2 Policies P4/4 of the TMBLP and P6/3 of the TMBLP 1998 seek to preserve or enhance the character and appearance of a Conservation Area and to conserve and enhance the special character of RS3 (b) settlements respectively. In addition policy P4/11 of the TMBLP 1998 seeks to control the quality of new development, such as in terms of design, detailing and the use of appropriate materials.

5.3 Members will note from the planning history that planning permission TM/04/00429/CR3 has already been granted by KCC for the erection of identical blue metal palisade fencing along the main school complex off Mount Pleasant, which is also within the Aylesford Conservation Area. The Borough Council as a consultee raised no objection to this earlier proposal.

5.4 The proposed blue palisade fencing will replace dilapidated timber fencing adjacent to the walls. The proposed fencing will match existing approved fencing in the immediate vicinity and will, I consider, conserve and preserve the character of the Conservation Area and this RS3 (b) settlement. The proposal will not in my opinion detract from the visual amenity of the locality.

5.5 In light of the above considerations, I find this proposal acceptable.

**6. Recommendation:**

6.1 **Raise No Objections** as detailed by letters dated the 19 May 2005, 22 March 2005, supporting statement received on the 24 March 2005.

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