

MEMORANDUM

From:	Built Heritage Officer		
Service	Green Infrastructure	App No:	253139 & 253140
Address:	Shinfield Infant & Nursery School, School Green, Shinfield, RG2 9EH.		
Proposal:	253139: Full application for the proposed installation of a replacement pedestrian gate following demolition of the existing front boundary dwarf wall, fencing, and gate. 253140: Application for Listed Building consent for proposed demolition of the existing front boundary dwarf wall, fencing and gate, and installation of a replacement pedestrian gate.		
Heritage Asset:	The School (now Shinfield Infant & Nursery School) – grade II listed building. Shinfield Green Are of Special Character. Listed Buildings are classed as designated heritage assets under the NPPF (2024) and in the Council’s Local Plan policies.		
Site Visit Made:	Yes -previously.		

Summary Of Recommendations

From a heritage perspective there is, on balance, **no objection**.

In say that it is acknowledged the removal of a short section of curtilage-listed boundary wall does represent a partial loss of the school’s historic boundary walling. The harm is considered to fall very much at the lowest end of the range of “less than substantial harm”. In line with paragraph 215 of the NPPF (2025), the case officer will need to weigh this limited harm against the public benefits of the proposal.

Comments On Proposal

The section of low, curving boundary wall, while of curtilage listed status, has been much altered and now holds only limited historic or evidential value beyond marking the school’s original grounds. Its removal, along with the removal of the non-historic railings and gate and their replacement, is considered to have a neutral impact on both the setting of the listed school buildings and the character and appearance of the Special Character Area.

Date:	25/02/26	Signed:	Keith Frost Built Heritage Officer
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