

PLANNING REF : 252319
PROPERTY ADDRESS : School Green Centre
: School Green, Shinfield, Berkshire
: RG2 9EH
SUBMITTED BY : Shinfield Parish Council Shinfield Parish Council
DATE SUBMITTED : 31/10/2025

COMMENTS:

SPC wish to formally object to planning application 252319. The proposed relocation of the fence line by 2100mm towards the public walkway raises significant concerns. This adjustment would reduce the width of the public realm, potentially impeding pedestrian access

particularly for individuals with mobility challenges, pushchairs, or wheelchairs. The walkway serves as a shared community asset, and its narrowing could compromise both usability and safety. The current

setback contributes to a sense of openness and enhances the streetscape. Extending the fence to the edge of the public walkway would create a more enclosed and potentially oppressive environment, negatively affecting the character of the area and diminishing visual amenity for passers-by. We are also concerned about the precedent this change could set. Permitting such encroachment may encourage other properties to similarly infringe upon public or semi-public space,

leading to a gradual erosion of communal areas and the open feel of the neighborhood. The justification provided "improved proportions and aesthetic appearance" is subjective and insufficient to outweigh the potential negative impacts on the community. No evidence has been

presented to suggest that the current fence line is problematic or that the proposed change is necessary. For these reasons, SPC respectfully requests that planning application 252319 be refused. Submitted on behalf of the Deputy Clerk of the Shinfield Parish Council.