



Design & Access Statement

Boundary Fence at Old Court Farm

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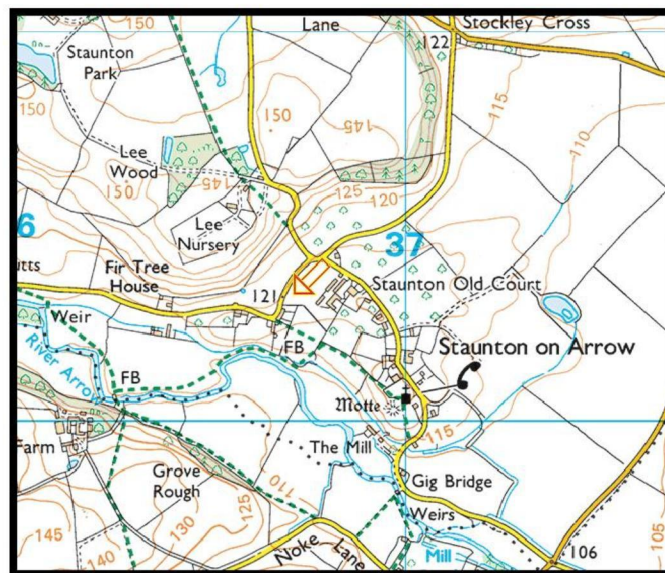
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1. Introduction

- 1.1. This Design and Access Statement accompanies and supports a planning application made to Herefordshire Council for the proposed Erection of a boundary fence in association with the Anaerobic Digestion (AD) plant which received planning permission in December 2013 (Ref: 132736/N).
- 1.2. The application is submitted by William Stokes Consulting, acting as agent on behalf of Messrs R Edwards & Co (Staunton) Limited, who are located at Old Court Farm, Staunton on Arrow, Leominster, Herefordshire, HR6 9HR.
- 1.3. The location for the proposed fence is at Old Court Farm at grid reference SO373602. (Postcode: HR6 9HR). The site to be used is to the west of the already approved AD Plant.



2. Assessment and evaluation of site location

2.1. The proposed site is in the Parish of Staunton on Arrow, and within the Herefordshire Council ward of Pembridge. (See Appendix 3 for location map).

2.2. The location presently has sparsely populated native hedge growth, which is failing to provide any form of screening to the farm site. Following a discussion regarding the neighbouring residential properties, it has been agreed to install a fence and retain the existing vegetation, infilling the gaps with a selection of native hedgerow plants.

2.3. Sensitive Areas

2.4. The proposed site has no statutory designation, and is on the boundary of an operating farm and anaerobic digester.

2.5. Access

2.6. In order to erect the proposed fence and plant the proposed hedge, all access would be via the existing Anaerobic Digester site.

2.7. Public Access

2.8. There is no public access and no rights of way crossing the line of the proposed fence. Part of the proposed fence runs parallel to the existing public highway but this will have no detriment to its use.

2.9. Residential Neighbours

2.10. The proposed works are adjacent to the boundary of 1 Lee View. This is owned by the applicant.



3. Involvement and Consultation with third parties

3.1. Herefordshire Planning Department

No direct dialogue has been held.

3.2. Environment Agency

No dialogue has been held with the environment agency although the Anaerobic Digester is registered with them.

3.3. Local Consultation

The Applicant has a continual open dialogue with the local neighbours, and this proposed works is as a result of that dialogue.

4. Design

4.1. Use

- 4.1.1. The proposed fence has been designed to screen the existing Anaerobic Digester and Farm, so as to reduce the visibility of this, as well as add further acoustic screening to the local residential neighbours.

4.2. Amount

- 4.2.1.1. The proposed works consist of a timber fence. Infill hedge planting will be planted 1+1, 60/80cm high, locally sourced, bareroot, planted in a double staggered row, 450mm apart with 7 plants per linear metre. All plants shall be protected with 400mm spiral guards and supported by a 750mm cane. The species mix will be hawthorn (40%), hazel (30%), Blackthorn(10%), Field Maple(10%) and Holly(10%). 5no.of each of Honeysuckle, Guelder Rose and Dog Rose will also be included.

4.3. Layout

- 4.3.1.1. See attached Plans (Appendix 1).

4.4. Scale

- 4.4.1. The proposed works will consist of the following principal elements:

- The proposed fencing works extend approximately 20m parallel with the existing highway, and approximately 40m perpendicular to it, parallel to the boundary of 1 Lee View. The fence would extend 3m above existing ground level.
- The existing hedge would be retained, and would be allowed to grow to circa 2m above ground level.

4.5. Appearance

- 4.5.1. The new fence will be formed from naturally coloured vertical timber boarding, backed with galvanised steel uprights (which will not be visible on the public side of the fence). The bottom (eventually 2m) of this fence will be obscured by the natural hedge vegetation.