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Planning application PL/2026/02918 Replacement of existing railings and gates

REPLACEMENT IS FOR EVER Why not adapt?

An easier, cheaper, reversible option

Dear Mr Leesam

You will have received my strong objections to the replacement of the Lockeridge school railings. I hope you won't mind if I put forward a suggestion.

If the application plan is to be approved in principle, I would like to put forward the following idea: **why not raise the existing railings from the base?** They were moved back behind the trees c.25 years ago so the fixings bolts are modern and easily undone.

Then the posts could either:

- **be extended at the bottom** and the gap below them filled by a strip of metal sheet painted black
or
- be left their present length and **mounted on a low plinth** made, preferably, of sarsen stones to match the adjacent sarsen kerbstones mentioned in the village design statement.

Either of these methods would raise the height while preserving the original railings and keep them in their architectural context - an important factor as they stand in the centre of the village and conservation area. Historical integrity would be preserved for whatever the future holds for building's use. Replacement is for ever.

When you make your site visit I hope you will agree that the proposed replacements, if made to match the existing modern gate, would look cheap compared with the originals.

I attach 2 pages of drawings and photos to explain what I mean.

In the meantime I am crossing my fingers that the whole proposal will come to naught. It would be a great pity if such an attractive Victorian school were to be irreversibly turned into a place looking more like a zoo.

Thank you

With best

Fay Ross-Magenty

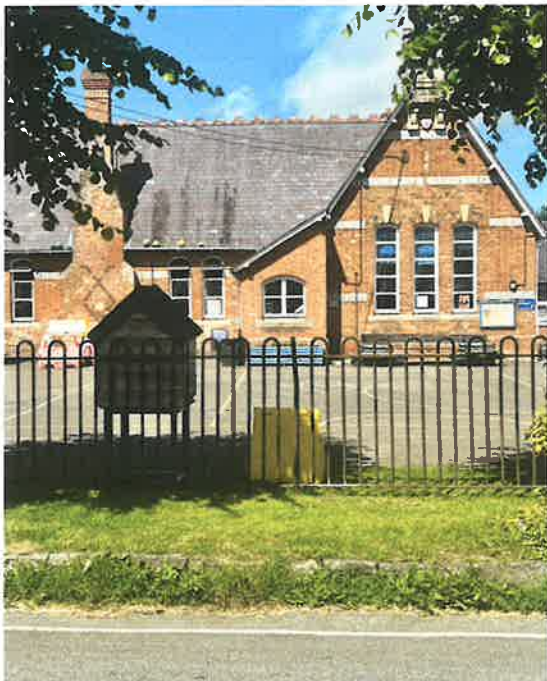
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Photos

Top left: Proposed height would be level with ridge of wooden box (note sarsen kerbstones)

Top right: Comparison old and new railing types

Bottom: Easily removed modern bolts



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Lockeridge school

Replacement of existing railings

Two suggestions how the existing railings could be raised

At the moment they are set so the bottom bar is at ground level

