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2.4 m. High Palisade Fence on access road to
Thornsett Industrial and Trading Estate, Birch Vale.

Dear Sir/Madam,

I wish to object to and make comment on the above
planning application.

I am a pensioner who frequently walks in this area, often
with groups of other senior walkers going along the
access road through the Trading Estate or onto the
Sett Valley Trail.

I assume that the trees in the copse are protected by
Tree Preservation Orders as they provide an invaluable
green asset to the area. It would be a shame to
detract from their beauty by masking them with a
2.4 m high galvanised fence. The trees provide a
fantastic entrance to the Estate and as such should
be cared for on that basis as well as enhancing
the environment for adjacent residents.

I think a low level rustic wooden fence to enclose
the copse would be a preferential option. Maybe
that would also be a preferred option for the rest of
the site.

I also note that the Green substation is located on the edge of
the access road and seems not to have suffered any

damage or vandalism despite there being no fence of any security value.

So, why is the fencing required? Is it to secure the site before development or a sale? or is it to prevent illegal tipping or vandalism? Neither it seems have occurred to date. Existing fencing already marks the boundary of the flat gravelled site, so why is such a large fence required when there is nothing to protect on the site?

Simply a continuation of my suggested rustic low level wooden fence would suffice to satisfy the objective of the applicant.

In the meantime, pending possible future development the site would be safe, secure and environmentally attractive. When the time comes for development the developer could choose their own security and boundary treatment which quite conceivably not require a 2.4 metre pushade fence. Electronic Surveillance systems with appropriate landscaping could do the trick.

Such an approach would enhance the entrance to the Estate and provide all round financial and environmental benefits to all.

With the ongoing development of housing on a large site some 200 metres away, I would have thought there was a great imperative to retain high quality environmental assets such as the copse and enhance their setting with appropriate boundary treatment.

I have no wish to prevent development where it is appropriate but feel very strongly about retaining and enhancing the environmental assets in the area. As it turns out I would imagine a low level wooden fence would be considerably cheaper than the 2.4m metal one. Supplementing a wooden fence solution would be a winner all round.

I really hope you can persuade the applicant to revise his scheme.

Yours sincerely,