

Bognor Regis Cricket and Sports Club

Planning Statement

Main Benefits:

New metal fencing will last at least 25 years, 3 m (just under 10feet) high along the whole length. Green coating, double bar for added strength and security.

Once fitted no maintenance.

If panels damaged by car etc, easily replaced.

Height will stop most, but not all of balls going over. The majority of cricket balls that go over the fence bounce first and usually clear at about 6-7ft.

We are replacing fencing as a security measure, not because of ball liability. No liability is being admitted.

If we add the privacy screening, which is recommended by SIS, Carol and myself, the fence posts will be reinforced to allow for wind.

This screening, see attached photo is 85% opaque, so will reduce road traffic interference with match play. It will form a horizontal green band along Hawthorn Road, 1m off the ground, 1.5m high, placement to be decided once fence installed. It is designed to allow wind through, some sight, but break up visual appearance. Our view is that it will add to the look of the ground both internal and external.

Fencing will also allow us to put temporary advertising banners externally such as "play cricket here" "membership open" "youth football/cricket coaching here" - improving membership, income and we hope bar takings. Because a game will be seen from the road, we also expect an increase in spectators, as more see what is going on.

This style of fencing is approved for football and cricket.

It is preferred for child protection, which is why it is used in schools.

Players can no longer jump fence and injure themselves.

Reduces the likelihood of balls venturing into the main road