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Safeguarding & Security Report

for

John Leggott Sixth Form College

at

**John Leggott Sixth
Form College
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1. Introduction

Charles Garth Chartered Surveyors & Property Consultants have been commissioned by John Leggott Sixth Form College to undertake a safeguarding inspection at John Leggott Sixth Form College and provide a report detailing our findings and recommendations going forward.

This report specifically focuses on the safeguarding and site security currently in place throughout the school, and the requirements detailed in the Further Education Output Specification Technical Annex 2B: External Spaces and Grounds May 2023.

This report has been prepared by Charles Garth Chartered Surveyors & Property Consultants for the sole use of John Leggott Sixth Form College.

2. Matters of Significant Concern

The school are advised of the following matters of significant concern:

1. **The existing site boundary does not prevent intruders from entering the site.**
2. **The existing concrete panel boundary fencing is insecure and a health and safety risk.**
3. **The current reception airlock does not protect reception staff.**

Following review of the existing site boundary security and safeguarding, we are of the opinion that current provisions leave the school at a **high risk of intruders entering the site undetected – major health & safety risk**

Furthermore, we are of the opinion that the current reception airlock leaves staff at risk of becoming trapped should intruders and members of the public become aggressive and confrontational – **Health & Safety Risk**

3. Findings

SITE BOUNDARY SECURITY

Areas Affected: Front & Side Boundary

During our inspection, we noted that approx. 40% of the site boundary is not enclosed by suitable fencing.

To the east of the site, the boundary is defined by a mixture of bushes, chain link fencing, timber panel fencing and concrete panel fencing in which there are large holes and openings that **intruders could easily enter the site undetected.**

The current fencing is thought to be owned by the neighbouring residential properties which has gates installed allowing access into the school site. This has resulted in the school having no control over neighbours/intruders entering the site from the eastern boundary.

In areas, it appears the adjoining neighbours have undertaken previous temporary patch repairs to try to rectify openings/holes in the site boundary, however in some areas, **sharp barbed wire has been used, which could cause serious injury to pupils and staff.**

Where concrete panel perimeter fencing is installed, this is damaged and insecure. **Should the concrete panel fencing collapse, this could cause serious injury to pupils and staff.**

The north boundary of the site which encompasses the main pedestrian and vehicle entrance to the site is defined by low level metal railings and brick walls, which provides **limited protection from intruders entering the site and making their way into the school's main reception area or grounds.**

The existing vehicle gates are not electrically controlled via an intercom and remote access system and are not monitored by CCTV. At the time of our inspection, these were left open and unattended. During non-operating hours, the school advised that the gates are secured with padlocks.

We would recommend that the site boundary is secured with new, 2.4m high paladin fencing, and automated vehicle gates with inclusion of CCTV monitoring, designated fobbed access and intercom system that comply with the Further Education Output Specification Technical Annex 2B: External Spaces and Grounds May 2023.

SAFEGUARDING

Areas Affected: Main Entrance/Reception Offices

Currently, the college has an airlock system in place in the main reception area. Although this prevents intruders and members of the public from entering the college, **the staff within the reception offices are not protected should intruders or members of the public become confrontational and aggressive.**

We would recommend that provisions for separation between the main entrance and reception area is provided in the form of barriers/turnstiles.

4. Photograph Schedule

Photographic evidence of the extent of security and safeguarding issues are provided within in the '25.0731 Photo Schedule'.

5. Site Plan

KEY:

RED = Inadequate site boundary

BLUE = boundary secured with 2.4m high paladin fencing/gates

