

—RAF Museum Design Statement

The RAF Museum completed their Centenary Programme construction works in 2018. This created a cohesive, welcoming Museum masterplan with extensive outdoor landscaping and refurbished indoor exhibition and amenity spaces. As part of this project, a new secure fence line was installed along the public site perimeter on Graham Park Way. The Museum have concluded that part of threshold fencing installed around the entrances is not serving visitors well, and have requested that several sections of fencing are replaced with a more transparent design.

The proposed new fencing continues the design language of the Sprinkler Tank cladding and Hangar 1 interior cladding. Fencing panels are formed of angled vertical fins finished in a bronze PPC finish. The angles of the fins will be orientated towards Hangar 1, giving passers-by an enhanced view into the Museum when approaching from Collindale Station.

The replacement panels will be limited to the fencing panels at the central vehicle and southern pedestrian entrances, which are currently finished in a solid expanded mesh. Where possible, existing fence posts will be retained. The existing panels will be carefully removed and re-installed to the perimeter of the northern car park, replacing an old mesh fence. The works comprise of the following alterations:

Southern Pedestrian Entrance

Replace whole gate:

- Entire gate including gate posts to be removed and retained for northern car park entrance
- Leave panels supporting RAF Museum signage in-situ.
- Remove 13no. fencing panels and replace with new fin fencing.
- Install a spring loaded wheel to support the gate cantilever (to be used on all gates).
- Eurocylinder locks to be used for all gates.

Main Vehicle Entrance

- 4No. panels behind RAF Museum signage to be removed and retained for northern car park.
- New pedestrian and vehicle gates to be installed.
- 21No. fencing panels to be removed and replaced with new fin fencing.
- Existing signage to be re-affixed to new fencing.

Northern Car Park Entrance

- Pedestrian gate from southern entrance and vehicle gate to be re-installed to northern car park entrance.
- 38 panels removed from southern and central entrances, to be installed to perimeter of northern car park.
- Remaining extent of fencing to be lightweight, black painted fencing with timber in-fills, to match the height of heavyweight fencing.

Northern Pedestrian Entrance

- No works. All fencing to remain as existing.