



## Barbican Imperial Railings and Gate Protect St Saviour Church, Luton

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### Products

- Barbican Imperial Fencing and Gate

### Background

As Jacksons Fencing summarised in its 2020 report on the topic, places of worship are sadly a common target of a number of crimes, including theft, vandalism, hate crime, and terrorism. In our survey of 2000 people across the UK, 59% said that their place of worship had been the target of an attack. Only 13% said they felt 'secure enough' at their place of worship.

Our whitepaper also discussed the importance of aesthetics: while on-site security design must serve to keep trespassers out and help prevent crime, it should also be welcoming and instil a sense of safety.

In addition, we found that 52% of people concerned by vandalism are most worried about windows being broken.

St Saviour Church in Luton is a Church of England place of worship, held in a listed building just a 10-minute walk from Luton train station. Like many churches, it faced problems with crime, people trying to access the rear of the building, and also windows being broken. As part of its safeguarding policy the church states that 'the Church will take appropriate steps to maintain a safer environment for all'.



## Solution

The church previously had no fencing around the rear entrance, apart from some pedestrian railings to help with accessibility. To increase safety and security for the buildings, and people attending the church, security fencing was required. Due to it being a listed building and also needing to be welcoming for the regular congregation and newcomers, the security solution needed to complement the sensitivity of the site and visually blend into the local environment.

The church decided to install our Barbican® Imperial railings, with ball top finials. With pales that protrude through the top rail but do not create a pointed or spiked top, this type of fence is ideal for providing protection against climbing without creating a hostile environment. With welded pale-through-rail construction, concealed fixings, and anti-vandal, hidden panel-to-post connectors, the fence provides good resistance to vandalism. Its design mimics traditional wrought iron railings, but with a modern, tubular construction; a strong, robust fencing solution. A matching double leaf gate was also installed to provide pedestrian and vehicular access and make the space feel unrestricted during opening hours.

To create a smart appearance and to continue the authentic traditional iron railing appearance that has been protecting churches since the 18th century, the fencing and gate were polyester powder coated black. Our architectural grade powder provides a durable coating that does not chip or crack like traditional paint, which generally needs repainting every year. The fencing and gate were supplied with our standard 25 year service life guarantee against rust, corrosion, and manufacturing defects, offering a more sustainable solution and reducing costs associated with repairs and replacements.



Barbican® Imperial railings, ball top finial detail



Barbican® Imperial railings with matching double leaf gate

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