

Consultation Response from KC, Conservation and Design
2020/94081 King James School, St Helens Gate, Almondbury, Huddersfield, HD4 6SG
Listed Building Consent for conversion of existing dining hall into science lab with additional external access steps (Within a Conservation Area)
Date Responded: 05/01/21 Responding Officer: Craig McHugh Responding Ref: HUD 45/9

King James School was founded in 1609, the earliest buildings on the site no longer exist. The listed building description identifies that of the earliest buildings on the site, the entrance block was rebuilt between 1743 and 1746 and that an extension to the north-west was built on the site of earlier buildings in 1848.

The existing dining hall and adjacent classroom (Area A) dates from the mid-20th century. For it to be considered a curtilage listed building it must pre-date 1st July 1948, its exact date of construction is not known, it is shown on the 1955 OS map but not the 1933 edition. Regardless, it does not contribute to the architectural and historic significance of the listed building and so there are no concerns regarding proposals to alter this part of the listed building.

The existing Year 11 Dining Hall, kitchen, servery (Area B) is curtilage listed and makes some contribution to the architectural and historic interest of the listed building. It is shown on the 1893 and 1922 OS Map as an open fronted building, possibly a covered play area or storage for horse-drawn carriages or carts in association with a stable. The interior and rear elevation are to be altered: the interior is not of interest and the rear is of very limited interest.

Conclusion

The impact of the proposed development on King James School, which is listed grade II, and the Almondbury Conservation Area, has been considered and there would be minimal harm. Conservation and Design therefore have no concerns about the proposed development on heritage grounds.

Comment has not been provided on the general design of the proposed development, please advise if this is required.