



Mr Nicholas Hirst
Planning, Investment and Regeneration Service
PO Box B93
Civic Centre 3, Off Market Street
Huddersfield
West Yorkshire
HD1 2JR

Direct Dial: 01904 601982

Our ref: P01442405

26 October 2021

Dear Mr Hirst

**T&CP (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015
& Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Regulations 1990**

**GREENHEAD COLLEGE, GREENHEAD ROAD, HUDDERSFIELD, WEST
YORKSHIRE HD1 4ES
Application No. 2021/93674**

Thank you for your letter of 6 October 2021 regarding the above application for planning permission. On the basis of the information available to date, we offer the following advice to assist your authority in determining the application.

Historic England Advice

Significance of the site and former school buildings within the conservation area and the town

Developed on the grounds of the former Greenhead Hall, Greenhead College occupies an important site within the conservation area and the town. The main school building opened in 1909 to designs of the borough engineer K.F. Campbell as a Municipal High School for Girls. Although unlisted, the building can be considered a landmark within Greenhead Park Conservation Area. The site is also adjacent to Greenhead Park, which is a nationally important example of a nineteenth-century municipal park and is registered at Grade II.

Greenhead College is a well-established and important educational institution attracting students from around the county and further afield and therefore, an important asset to the conservation area and the town.

Impact of the proposals

The case for a replacement building has been strongly made. It will help the college address the problems of structural integrity of the buildings to the north of the main building while offering improved standards of accommodation. The new building will ensure the school can continue delivering excellence and remain an important institution within Huddersfield. As such, the principle behind the works is supported.



37 TANNER ROW YORK YO1 6WP

Telephone 01904 601948
HistoricEngland.org.uk



We agree that the preferred location strikes the best balance between all the requirements. The East Option Developed Masterplan, by virtue of the topography of the site, presents a reduced impact on views from the park and on the tree belt, and retains a more convenient sport provision. It also presents the opportunity to create a new social space which brings together the majority of the buildings within the campus.

Historic England provided some advice to the applicants at pre-application stage. Whilst we were broadly supportive, we did offer some suggestions for further mitigating the impact of what is a substantial new building within the conservation area and setting of Greenhead Park.

Given the historic link between the site and Greenhead Park we saw an opportunity to strengthen this connection by locating the entrance to the new building on the north elevation, facing on to the proposed new external social space. We also recommended further developing the different textures and articulation of the facades and cornice to help break down the mass of the building and the long roofline when viewed from the park. In determining the application, your authority may wish to consider whether further enhancement to the design can be secured.

Planning Policy Considerations

In terms of the National Planning Policy Framework, the principles behind the proposal are positive, as they will ensure the site can continue being used for its educational purposes and as such, they can be considered in line with paragraph 197.

The proposals have the potential to bring enhancement to the character of the conservation area through strengthening the relationship between two of its important assets, the school site and the park, improving connectivity and introducing a new building of sympathetic design.

Generally speaking, we welcome the approach and effort that has gone into designing an honest contemporary intervention which seeks to minimise and mitigate impacts to the character of the conservation area and surrounding assets.

There are certain elements of the proposal which may result in a degree of harm, particularly the impact the new building would have on the prominence of the former school and on views from the registered park. This is acknowledged in the Heritage Statement submitted in support of the application.

In determining this application we recommend the less than substantial harm the proposals would cause is weighed against the public benefits of the proposal, in accordance with paragraph 202 of the NPPF.



37 TANNER ROW YORK YO1 6WP

Telephone 01904 601948
HistoricEngland.org.uk





Historic England

Recommendation

Historic England has no objection to the application on heritage grounds.

We consider that the issues and safeguards outlined in our advice need to be addressed in order for the application to meet the requirements of paragraphs 197, 200 and 202 of the NPPF.

In determining this application you should bear in mind the statutory duty of section 72(1) of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 to pay special attention to the desirability of preserving or enhancing the character or appearance of conservation areas.

Your authority should take these representations into account in determining the application. If there are any material changes to the proposals, or you would like further advice, please contact us. Please advise us of the decision in due course.

Yours sincerely
Emma Sharpe

Emma Sharpe

Inspector of Historic Buildings and Areas
E-mail: emma.sharpe@HistoricEngland.org.uk



37 TANNER ROW YORK YO1 6WP

Telephone 01904 601948
HistoricEngland.org.uk

