Impact Statement – Greenhead College

Site Address: Greenhead College, Greenhead Road, Huddersfield, HD1 4ES

Overview

Greenhead College is a popular sixth form College in Huddersfield centre and within the Greenhead Park Conservation area. We have approximately 2600 students on roll with 280 staff in employment at the College.

Greenhead College has always sought to work with our community on any development works we have done and are always mindful of the aesthetic of any works in relation to the neighbouring park.

Two of the perimeter walls of the College are now presenting a significant Health and Safety risk and need lowering and rebuilding to ensure the safety not only of stakeholders of the College but the general public who use the pavements surrounding the College.

One section of wall is on Greenhead Road and the other section of wall is on Park Drive South.

The section of wall on Greenhead Road also has a tree linked to the project as it is significantly leaning and dependent on the wall for stability. If the wall is lowered to facilitate addressing the safety issues then the tree will undoubtedly fall, therefore as part of this section of work we would need to remove the tree.

Project timeline and nature of works

We are working closely with Geckops Ltd, a local construction company who are well versed in the Education sector and who are fully aware of the necessity to ensure there are no changes to the aesthetic of the wall. Given the urgent health and safety need of this project and the complexity of managing a project of this nature when students are on site we would require 4 weeks to complete the works on Greenhead Road. Given we have the summer break commencing on Monday 15th July, this is an ideal time to complete the works whilst students are not on site, however this will very much depend on the time our planning application takes to process. Being mindful of both the urgent need for the project to take place and the risks associated with the project in terms of high levels of risk to life we request that Planners process our application in a timely manner.

The work on Park Drive South, whilst urgent from a Health and Safety management perspective, would form the second phase of our works as this area is easier to manage in term time in terms of student footfall.

Project Impact

There is currently a risk that either wall could fail and also that the tree on the Greenhead Road side of College could fall. This would be exacerbated by heavy rainfall, snow or high winds which we are more likely to encounter should the work stretch into winter.

There is currently high risk to life and property if the issues are not addressed swiftly.

Completion of these works will ensure that all stakeholders of Greenhead College, local residents, users of Greenhead Park and the wider community are kept safe and not put at risk.