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Design & Access Statement

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1.0 Introduction

1.1 This Design and Access Statement has been prepared by Perito Building Consultancy Ltd on behalf of Cumberworth C.E First School to support a Listed Building Consent and Planning Application for the replacement of 4Nr existing single glazed timber windows to the front elevation of the school.

1.2 The site address is Cumberworth C.E First School, Cumberworth Lane, Upper Cumberworth, Huddersfield, HD8 8NU.

1.3 An inspection of the windows was undertaken on the 21st December 2023 to prepare and support a School Condition Allocation (SCA) funding bid to replace the windows. Funding was subsequently award in April 2024 via The Church of England, Diocese of Leeds.

1.4 On inspection the existing windows they were found to be in poor condition with defects evident to both the stone tracery and timber framed single glazed windows. The issues and extent are such that replacement of the windows and localised stone repairs are deemed to be the most appropriate course of action.

2.0 The Site and its Surroundings

2.1 Cumberworth C.E First School is a listed building located in the centre of Upper Cumberworth village on Cumberworth Lane. The school is flanked by residential properties, one of which is the former caretaker's house. To the north (rear) of the site there is a playing field with panoramic views into the valley and open countryside towards Emley, Shelly and the Holme Valley.

2.2 The school is predominantly traditional construction with stone walls and pitched stone slate roof. The original building comprised of a school hall and classroom, to which a slightly later classroom wing of similar style was added.

2.3 The more recent extensions house the school kitchen, administration offices, ancillary accommodation, additional classrooms and main hall. These extensions are also of traditional construction with stone walls, pitched slate and flat felt roofs.

2.4 The most recent extension to the school was completed circa 2014/15 which comprised of a single storey extension to the east side of the building, adding a new main entrance, link corridor and main hall as well as associated internal remodelling work.

2.5 The site is approximately 4,546m^2 in total and comprises of the school building, playground to the front (south) and playing field to the rear (north) of the site.

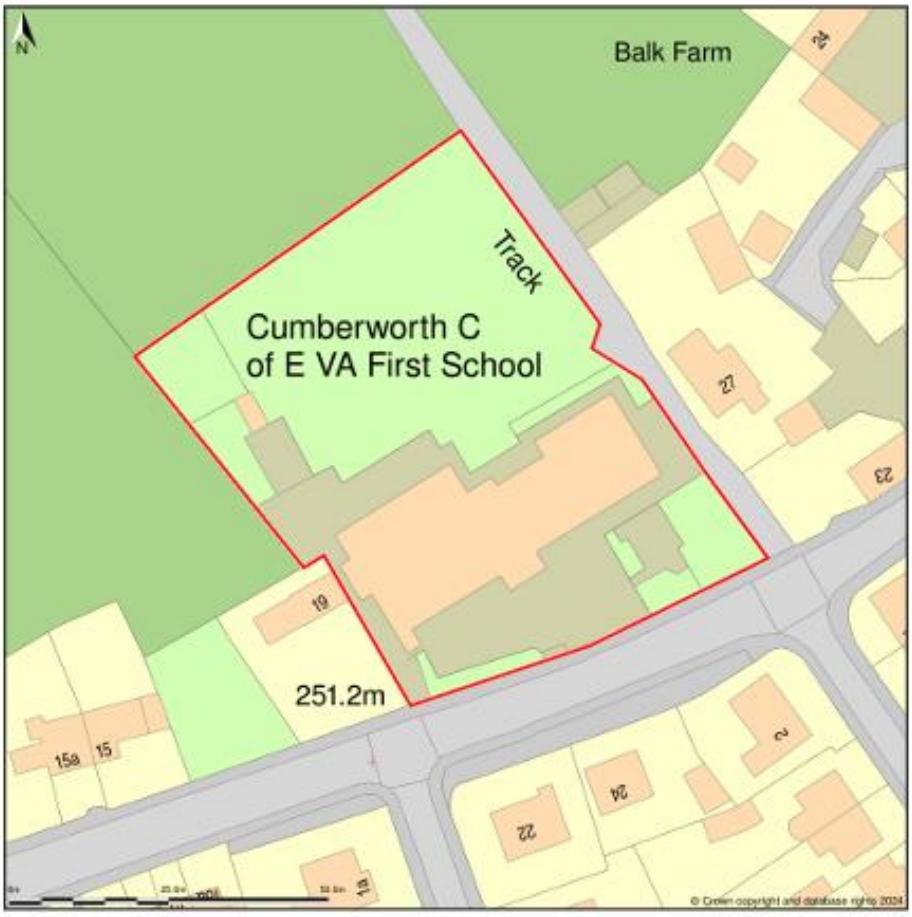

Figure 01; Location Plan (NTS)

3.0 Design Statement

3.1 The building is currently used as a first school and has specifically been design and added to over the years for the purposes of education delivery.

3.2 The area to which the works relate are to 4Nr single glazed timber widows located to the front elevation of the original school building. Two of the windows are located in a classroom and two are location in the dining hall.

3.3 The timber windows are not original to the building, and are of little aesthetic value. The current installations do not contribute to the historic character and appearance of the building.

3.4 The windows contain limited openers, which has a negative impact on the teaching spaces throughout the year, due to a lack of natural ventilation. Thermally and acoustically the windows also perform poorly.

3.5 It is proposed that the windows are replaced with new which are believed to be more sympathetic to the character and appearance of the building, whilst also enhance the learning environment by increasing natural ventilation, contributing toward the overall thermal and acoustic performance of the building.

3.6 The new windows will provide the school with a maintenance free solution for the near future.

4.0 Accessibility

4.1 The proposed works do not affect or change the use of any existing access arrangements to the site.

5.0 Amount, Layout & Scale

5.1 The proposed works do not comprise of a change of use.

5.2 The proposed works will not create any additional floor space.

5.3 The proposed works will retain the existing building volume.

5.4 The existing layout and scale of the building and its elevations will remain unchanged as a result of the proposed works.

6.0 Landscaping

6.1 The proposed works will not impact upon the existing landscaping arrangements.

7.0 Appearance

7.1 The proposed works have carefully been considered to not only improve the external aesthetic and character of the building, but also enhance the internal teaching environment for both staff and pupils.

8.0 Previous Consultation

8.1 Listed building consent application (App. No.: 2024/65/91587/E) was granted on the 23rd September 2024 for the replacement of four windows to the front elevation of the school which including provisions for several windows to be directly glazed.

8.2 Since the consent was granted, we have identified a window manufacturer capable of producing custom window frames that will accommodate all of the window openings, including the tracery elements above. We believe this solution will result in a higher-quality installation than the one previously approved, hence this additional listed building consent application.

9.0 Summary

9.1 The buildings current use will remain unchanged.

9.2 The design principles all aim to have absolute minimum effect on the existing building's structure and fabric.

9.3 Detailed and careful consideration has been given to the proposal and material choices.

9.4 It is considered that the proposed works have been sensibly designed, proportionate, respect and positively contribute to the setting, character and appearance of this Grade II listed building.

9.5 In light of the evidence submitted in support of this application it is considered that consent should be granted for the proposed works.