Proposed SEMH School at the site of the Former Deighton Centre : S73

Planning Statement

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1.0 Introduction

Background

1.1 This Planning Statement has been prepared by Lichfields on behalf of Kirklees Council ("The Applicant") to accompany a S73 application for proposed minor alterations to the approved scheme for the development of Joseph Norton Academy.

1.2 Planning permission was granted on 13 May 2024 for:

"Development of former Deighton Centre (previously Deighton High School) for a social emotional and mental health school (Use Class F1) comprising single and two storey educational buildings; roof mounted photo-voltaic panels; sensory garden spaces; multi-use games areas; landscaping; hardstanding areas; carparking; access with secure fencing and ancillary development." (ref. 2023/48/93350/W)

1.3 At the detailed design phase, it has been identified that a small number of minor amendments to the approved scheme are required to facilitate the delivery and construction of the development. Pre-application engagement with Kirklees Council planning officers have confirmed that these changes can be dealt with as a S73 application.

Application Submission

1.4 This application seeks to amend the following planning conditions. Text highlighted in **bold** highlights the proposed amendment.

Condition 2

1.5 Condition 2 states:

"The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in complete accordance with the plans and specifications schedule listed in this decision notice, except as may be specified in the conditions attached to this permission, which shall in all cases take precedence."

1.6 An updated schedule of plans and reports is provided in Appendix 1.

Condition 10

1.7 Condition 10 states:

Prior to the construction of the superstructure works, a habitat management and monitoring plan (HMMP) has been submitted to and approved in writing by the local authority. The plan shall demonstrate how a minimum of 10% net gain in habitat and hedgerow units are to be achieved post development, utilising baseline information submitted in the DEFRA Metric 4.0 (dated 11th September 2023) and include details of the following:

a *Description and evaluation of features to be managed and enhanced;*

b *Extent and location/area of proposed enhancement works on appropriate scale maps and plans;*

c *Ecological trends and constraints on site that might influence management;*

d *Aims and Objectives of management;*

e *Appropriate management Actions for achieving Aims and Objectives;*

f *An annual work programme (to cover an initial 5 year period capable of being rolled forward over a period of 30 years);*

g *Details of the management body or organisation responsible for implementation of the HMMP;*

h *Ongoing monitoring programme and remedial measures; and*

i *The HMMP will be reviewed and updated every 5 years and implemented for a minimum of 30 years.*

The HMMP shall include details of the legal and funding mechanisms by which the long-term implementation of the HMMP will be secured by the developer with the management body responsible for its delivery. The HMMP shall also set out (where the results from the monitoring show that the Aims and Objectives of the HMMP are not being met) how contingencies and/or remedial action will be identified, agreed and implemented so that the development still delivers the fully functioning biodiversity objectives of the originally approved HMMP. The approved HMMP will be implemented in accordance with the approved details.

1.8 A Habitat Management and Monitoring Plan has been submitted as part of this Section 73 application and therefore condition 10 can be removed as it is now otiose.

Condition 11

1.9 Condition 11 states:

No development shall take place (including demolition, ground works, vegetation clearance) until a construction environmental management plan (CEMP: Biodiversity) has been submitted to and approved in writing by the local planning authority. The CEMP (Biodiversity) shall include the following.

a Risk assessment of potentially damaging construction activities that refers to the most up-to-date site specific survey information.

b Identification of "biodiversity protection zones", where appropriate.

c Practical measures (both physical measures and sensitive working practices) to avoid or reduce impacts during construction (may be provided as a set of method statements).

d The location and timing of sensitive works to avoid harm to biodiversity features.

e The times during construction when specialist ecologists need to be present on site to oversee works, where appropriate.

f Responsible persons and lines of communication.

g Use of protective fences, exclusion barriers and warning signs, where appropriate.

The approved CEMP shall be adhered to and implemented throughout the construction period strictly in accordance with the approved details, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the local planning authority.

1.10 A Construction Environmental Management Plan (Biodiversity) has been submitted with this application. Therefore condition 11 can be removed as it is now otiose.

Condition 12

1.11 Condition 12 states:

The development shall be undertaken in accordance with the advice and directions (recommendations) contained in the Arboricultural Method Statement rev C by Frank Shaw Associates Limited. These shall be implemented and maintained throughout the construction phase and retained thereafter.

1.12 Condition 12 is proposed to be amended as follows:

The development shall be undertaken in accordance with the advice and directions (recommendations) contained in the Arboricultural Method Statement ***rev E by FPCR Environment and Design Ltd****. These shall be implemented and maintained throughout the construction phase and retained thereafter.*

Structure of the Report

1.13 This Planning Statement is structured as follows:

- **Section 2.0** provides an overview of the site, surroundings and planning context;
- **Section 3.0** provides an overview of the community consultation exercise;
- **Section 4.0** provides details of the proposed development;
- **Section 5.0** sets out the statutory planning policy context;
- **Section 6.0** assesses the proposal against the planning policy context and sets out the justification for the proposed development; and
- **Section 7.0** concludes the assessment.

2.0 Site Context

Site Location

2.1 The permitted site (the Site) is shown in **Figure 2.1 below.**

2.2 In summary, the Site is located within Deighton, some 3km to the north- east of Huddersfield town centre.

2.3 A Site Location Plan is also submitted alongside this planning application **(Drawing No. 22308-FSA-XX-XX-DR-A-1000).**

Figure 2.1 Site Location (Red Line Shown Indicatively)



Source: Google Earth

Site and Surroundings

2.4 The Site, which has an approximate area of 2.22 hectares, was formerly occupied by a three-storey secondary school known as Deighton High School. The school closed in 1992, after which the building was used as training centre for the Council before finally closing in 2014. The building was demolished in 2015 and the Site has remained vacant ever since, save for some isolated hardstanding areas (some of which are now covered in vegetation), that have remained in situ.

2.5 The Site is neighboured: to the north by existing residential areas (Wiggan Lane and Tenter Hill Lane); to the west by a primary school (Christ Church Academy) and existing residential areas beyond (Wood View); to the south by a mixture of residential (Deighton Road) and leisure uses (Deighton Sports Arena); and to the east by existing sports fields.

2.6 The Site slopes from its south-western corner (137m AOD) to its northeastern corner (123m AOD).

2.7 The northern section of the Site includes an area of mature woodland. Self-set and mature trees also exist in isolated sections across the Site. None of the trees on Site are protected by Tree Preservation Orders.

2.8 The Kirklees Public Rights of Way Map shows that there are no public rights of way through the site. Footpath HUD/37/20 runs along the site's western boundary and footpath HUD/37/40 runs parallel with the site's northern boundary.

2.9 The Site lies wholly within Flood Zone 1 meaning that it is at the lowest risk of flooding.

Planning History

2.10 Planning permission was granted on 13 May 2024 for:

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2.11 Conditions 5 and 11 have been discharged (refs. 2025/90303, 2025/90249).

2.12 An application to discharge conditions 7, 8 & 9 (2025/90576) remain undetermined.

3.0 The Proposed Development

3.1 This S73 application seeks a small number of minor changes which are proposed following the detailed design phase prior to construction. These amendments are required to facilitate the construction of the school and to meet the school's specific needs.

3.2 In summary the proposed amendments comprise:

Amendments to the building

- Minor amendment to school entrance/ reception area. This includes a slight amendment to the positioning of windows, introduction of a flat roof and straightening of the external elevation from a curved design at the reception area.
- Minor adjustment to window positions and specifications
- Introduction of (mechanical, electrical, plumbing) MEP louvres to classrooms.
- Reduction of the number of roof lights
- Minor tweaks to internal layout
- Depth of canopies reduced

Amendments to external elements

- Change of internal vehicular circulation area from permeable block paving to impermeable asphalt
- The addition of electricity substation annex, to the east of the main access gate
- Omission of the steps and perimeter gate which allowed access down to the sport pitches
- An updated Tree Survey has been prepared. This has resulted in the identification of additional tree groups within the site. To facilitate the proposed development, these are proposed to be removed to facilitate the development. Tree group G10(B) is predominantly affected – with the trees immediately adjacent to the school building requiring removal to facilitate the development
- Grassed area adjacent to the western elevation modified to facilitate farm delivery van turning.
- Paving layout south of MUGA – minor adjustment to accommodate fire appliance access
- Minor adjustment to the location and number of proposed trees

3.3 The principle of the development of a SEMH school at the Site of the Former Deighton Centre remains unchanged as approved via Planning Permission 2023/48/93350/W. The site layout, design, access and car parking arrangements are not materially affected by the proposed amendments.

4.0 Planning Policy Context

4.1 The purpose of this section of the Planning Statement is to provide an overview of the planning policy framework as it relates to the proposed minor changes to the permitted development and identify the main policies which guide the consideration of the planning application. The application of policy and interaction between planning policy at the national and local level is material in the consideration of the planning application.

4.2 The Government is committed to a plan-led system, with the Statutory Development Plan forming the basis of all planning decisions. Accordingly, policy and plans play an important role in determining any planning application.

4.3 Compliance with policy in the Development Plan does not mean that a scheme must strictly comply with each and every policy but rather that the Development Plan has to be read as a whole and a judgment made as to whether the proposal complies with it. Applications for planning permission are determined in accordance with the approved Development Plan unless material considerations indicate otherwise.

4.4 This section of the Statement therefore details the planning policy context for the application, describing the Development Plan policies relevant to the consideration of the Proposed Development, as well as providing an account of the prevailing national policy guidance and other documents that represent material considerations.

Statutory Development Plan

4.5 Section 70(2) of the 1990 Town and Country Planning Act and Section 38(6) of the Planning and Compulsory Purchase Act 2004 states that planning applications are to be determined in accordance with the Statutory Development Plan unless material considerations indicate otherwise.

4.1 The Statutory Development Plan for Kirklees comprises the Kirklees Local Plan (adopted February 2019). The Kirklees Local Plan (KLP) is formed by the Strategy and Policies document, Allocations and Designations document and associated Policies Map. The KLP sets out strategic-level planning policies intended to guide the delivery of development and investment in the Kirklees district up to 2031.

4.2 There have been no updates to the Statutory Development Plan since the original application for the school was approved in 2024.

4.3 The main planning policies of relevance to this application are:

- **Policy LP1 (The Presumption in Favour of Sustainable Development)** - outlines the Council will take a positive approach that reflects the presumption in favour of sustainable development contained in the National Planning Policy Framework.
- **Policy LP2 (Place Shaping)** – outlines that all development proposals should seek to build on the strengths, opportunities and help address challenges identified in the Local Plan, in order to protect and enhance the qualities which contribute to the character of these places.

- **Policy LP3 (Location of New Development)** - reflects the presumption in favour of sustainable development, including providing access to a range of transport choices and access to local services.
- **Policy LP7 (Efficient and effective use of land and buildings)** - encourages the efficient use of previously developed land in sustainable locations provided it is not of high environmental value.
- **Policy LP20 (Sustainable Travel)** - outlines new development will be located in accordance with the spatial development strategy to ensure the need to travel is reduced and that essential travel needs can be met by forms of sustainable transport other than the private car. Proposals will be supported where alternative modes of transport such as public transport, cycling and walking serve the development. The policy sets out a user hierarchy a) pedestrians; b) cyclists; c) public transport; and d) private vehicles.
- **Policy LP21 (Highways and Access)** - states that proposals shall demonstrate that they can accommodate sustainable modes of transport and be accessed effectively and safely by all users. Proposals shall ensure the safe and efficient flow of traffic within the development and on the surrounding highway network.
- **Policy LP22 (Parking)** – states the provision of parking in new development to be determined taking account of availability of public transport, accessibility of the site, location and use of the development and disabled user needs.
- **Policy LP24 (Design)** – outlines good design should be at the core of all proposal in the district and should be considered at the outset of the development process, ensuring that design forms part of pre-application consultation of a proposal, securing high quality, green, accessible, inclusive and safe design.
- **Policy LP27 (Flood Risk)** - sets out the policy criteria for directing development towards the lowest probability of flooding following a sequential risk-based approach. Proposals must be supported by an appropriate site-specific Flood Risk Assessment in line with national planning policy.
- **Policy LP28 (Drainage)** - sets out that the presumption is that Sustainable Drainage Systems will be used to assist in achieving on brownfield sites a minimum 30% reduction in surface water runoff where previous positive surface water connections from the site can be proven.
- **Policy LP30 (Biodiversity and Geodiversity)** -outlines that the Council will see to protect and enhance biodiversity in Kirklees including the incorporation of biodiversity enhancement measures.
- **Policy LP31 (Strategic Green Infrastructure Network) -** Within the identified Strategic Green Infrastructure Network, priority will be given to safeguarding and enhancing green infrastructure networks, green infrastructure assets and the range of functions they provide.
- **Policy LP32 (Landscape) –** states that proposals should be designed to take into account and seek to enhance the landscape character of the area.
- **Policy LP33 (Trees)** – states the Council will not grant planning permission for developments which directly or indirectly threaten trees or woodlands of significant amenity.

- **Policy LP47 (Healthy, Active and Safe Lifestyles)** – sets out that the Council will create an environment which supports for healthy, safe, active and safe communities, reducing inequality. This will be enabled by encouraging the co-location of facilities so that different types of open space and facilities for sport and recreation can be located next to each other and in close proximity to other community facilities for education and health.
- **Policy LP48 (Community Facilities and Services) -** Community facilities should be provided in accessible locations where they can minimise the need to travel or they can be made accessible by walking, cycling and public transport. Proposal will be supported for development that protects, retains or enhances provision, quality or accessibility of existing community, education, leisure and cultural facilities that meets the needs of all members of the community.
- **Policy LP49 (Educational and Healthcare Needs)** - Proposals for new or enhanced education facilities will be permitted where: a) they will meet an identified deficiency in provision; b). the scale, range, quality and accessibility of education facilities are improved; c). they are well related to the catchment they are intended to serve to minimise the need to travel or they can be made accessible by walking, cycling and public transport.
- **Policy LP50 (Sport and Physical Activity)** – seeks to protect, enhance and support new and existing open spaces, outdoor and indoor sport and leisure facilities where appropriate. Any proposed loss of community sports facilities should be supported by a detailed needs assessment report.
- **Policy LP51 (Protection and Improvement of Local Air Quality)** - Development will be expected to demonstrate that it is not likely to result, directly or indirectly, in an increase in air pollution which would have an unacceptable impact on the natural and built environment or to people.
- **Policy LP52 (Protection and Improvement of Environmental Quality)** – requires the provision of evidence to show that impacts have been evaluated and measures incorporated into the proposal to mitigate for these.
- **Policy LP53 (Contaminated and unstable land) –** sets out that proposals on potentially contaminated land will require the submission of an appropriate contamination assessment.
- **Policy LP61 (Urban Green Space) -** Development proposals which would result in the loss of urban green space shall only be permitted where an assessment shows the open space is clearly no longer required to meet local needs, replacement open space is provided elsewhere to offset the loss, the proposal is for an alternatively open, sport or recreation use that is needed to address deficiencies and clearly outweighs the loss of the existing green space.
- **Policy LP65 -** Residential Allocation (Allocation HS17 - Land north of Deighton Road, Deighton).

Other Material Considerations

4.4 The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) sets out the Government's economic, environmental, and social planning policies for England and is a material consideration for planning applications. The NPPF was updated in December 2024.

4.5 Paragraph 8 sets out the three overarching objectives of the planning system which are interdependent and need to be pursued in mutually supportive ways:

a *an economic objective* by helping to *build a strong, responsive and competitive economy, by ensuring that sufficient land of the right types is available in the right places and at the right time to support growth, innovation and improved productivity; and by identifying and coordinating the provision of infrastructure.*

b *a social objective* by supporting *strong, vibrant and healthy communities, by ensuring that a sufficient number and range of homes can be provided to meet the needs of present and future generations; and by fostering well-designed, beautiful and safe places, with accessible services and open space that reflect current future needs and support communities' health, social and cultural well-being*.

c *an environmental objective to protect and enhance our natural, built and historic environment; including making effective use of land, improving biodiversity, using natural resources prudently, minimising waste and pollution, and mitigating and adapting to climate change, including moving to a low carbon economy.*

4.6 Paragraph 10 outlines that the presumption in favour of sustainable development is at the heart of the NPPF. Paragraph 11 states that for decision-taking this means approving development proposals that accord with an up-to-date development plan without delay.

5.0 Planning Assessment

5.1 The Proposed Development is assessed with reference to policies set out within the adopted Development Plan. It is not the intention to address every aspect of the guidance that could have some bearing on the Proposed Development, but rather to identify those matters that are particularly relevant in assessing the compatibility of the proposal with key elements of the policy or guidance.

5.2 The NPPF 2024 sets out the Government's planning polices for England. It is a material consideration in planning decisions. The NPPF provides for a presumption in favour of sustainable development and encourages the approval of development proposals that accord with the development plan without delay.

5.3 This section of the report assesses the Proposed Development against the relevant policies identified in Section 4.0.

Key Planning Considerations

5.4 Within the context of the above, the following key planning considerations are identified as relevant to the consideration of this application:

- Principle of Development
- Sustainable Development and Climate Change
- Design and Landscaping
- Amenity
- Air Quality
- Access and Highways
- Drainage, Surface Water and Flood Risk
- Ecology and Trees
- Public Health

Principle of Development

5.5 The proposed amendments will have no material impact on the principle of development as established via planning permission 2023/48/93350/W.

5.6 An electricity substation annex (LV switch room) is proposed by the school entrance. The substation annex needs to be located here to interface with the approved substation as part of planning application 2023/48/93350/W. It is also necessary to be located as close to the site entrance as possible to allow connections to wider existing electricity infrastructure.

5.7 Part 15, Class B of The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015) allows for:

Development by statutory undertakers for the generation, transmission, distribution or supply of electricity for the purposes of their undertaking consisting of—

a *the installation or replacement in, on, over or under land of an electric line and the construction of shafts and tunnels and the installation or replacement of feeder or service pillars or transforming or switching stations or chambers reasonably necessary in connection with an electric line;*

Development is not permitted where:

in the case of any Class B(a) development—

i *it would consist of or include the installation or replacement of an electric line to which section 37(1) of the Electricity Act 1989 (consent required for overhead lines) applies; or*

ii *it would consist of or include the installation or replacement at or above ground level or under a highway used by vehicular traffic, of a chamber for housing apparatus and the chamber would exceed 29 cubic metres in capacity;*

5.8 The works will be carried out by an ICP (Independent Connection Provider). This is a company or contractor that is accredited by the utility network operator to design, install, and connect new electricity or gas supply connections to the distribution network. No overhead lines are proposed and therefore 37 (1) of the Electricity Act 1989 does not apply. The LV switch room does not exceed 29 cubic metres in capacity. Therefore, the works could be undertaken under permitted development rights without the need for planning permission, consequentially the LV substation is acceptable.

5.9 The proposal therefore is consistent with the Local Plan when read as a whole, taking account of Policies LP48, LP49, LP61 and LP65 and the NPPF.

Sustainable Development and Climate Change

5.10 The proposed amendments will have no material impact on the proposed sustainable development and climate change measures as established via planning permission 2023/48/93350/W.

5.11 The proposal is therefore in accordance with Kirklees Council's climate change and sustainability requirements and Policies LP1, LP20, LP21, LP24, LP26, LP27 and LP28.

Design and Landscaping

5.12 Some minor amendments are proposed to the school building to facilitate and simplify its construction.

5.13 These comprise:

- A minor amendment to the positioning of windows, introduction of a flat roof and straightening of the external elevation by reception from a curved design
- A slight adjustment to window positions and specifications.
- The introduction of MEP louvres to classrooms
- Reduction of the number of roof lights
- Minor tweaks to internal layout

- Reduction in canopy depths

5.14 Notwithstanding this, the positioning of the school within the site, its scale and massing of and overall appearance of the building remains is not materially different to the approved design. Therefore, it is considered that the proposed design amendments are acceptable.

5.15 Minor alterations to the landscaping layout comprising minor adjustments to the widths and positioning of pathways within the site and associated amendments to planting. The proposed alterations are minor in nature and required to enable acceptable fire appliance/ vehicular access within the site. In particular, the grassed area adjacent to the western elevation has been modified to facilitate farm delivery van turning and the paving layout to the south of the MUGA has been amended to allow fire appliance access. Overall, these amendments are imperceptible when considered in the context of the wider site.

5.16 The approved layout plan details steps on the banking to access the adjacent playing fields directly from the school site. Due to the specialised nature of the school, including provision of its own sporting facilities, at the request of the school leaders, these steps have been removed as the school will not utilise the adjacent playing fields. Alternative access to the playing fields will be retained and the function and operation of the playing fields will not be prejudiced.

5.17 The overall principles of the landscape design remain the same and as a result it is considered that the broad principles of the approved Landscape Statement remain unchanged and that this report does not need to be revised.

5.1 In summary, notwithstanding the proposed amendments, the scheme continues to incorporate a high-quality design that responds to its setting and specific design requirements for a SEMH school, satisfying policy LP24 of the Kirklees Local Plan.

Amenity

5.2 The proposed amendments will have no material impact on amenity considerations for users of the development or nearby sensitive receptors as established via planning permission 2023/48/93350/W.

5.3 Whilst some additional trees are removed, suitable screening will be retained between neighbouring properties and the proposed development.

5.4 The conclusions of the originally submitted Noise Impact Assessment remain valid.

5.5 The proposed scheme is therefore in accordance with Policy LP24.

Air Quality

5.6 The proposed amendments will have no material impact on air quality established via planning permission 2023/48/93350/W. The conclusions of the approved Air Quality Assessment remain valid.

5.7 The proposals therefore accord with Local Plan policy LP51.

Access and Highways

5.8 No changes are proposed to site access arrangements or level of development traffic. Therefore, the conclusions of the approved Transport Assessment and Travel Plan remain valid.

5.9 The proposals therefore comply with Policies LP20, LP21 and LP22.

Drainage, Surface Water and Flood Risk

5.10 The internal vehicular circulation areas have been amended from block paving to asphalt to reduce maintenance requirements of the design.

5.11 The extant planning permission is subject to condition 7, to secure detailed drainage design detailing foul, surface water and land drainage. Consequentially, the detailed drainage design can be considered part of the discharge of condition process.

5.12 The broad principles of the approved Flood Risk Assessment and Sustainable Drainage Statement remain unchanged and as a result have not been updated. On this basis, the development complies with Policy LP27 and LP28.

Ecology and Trees

5.13 In order to meet engineering requirements, additional trees need to be removed.

5.14 An updated Tree Survey has been prepared. Following updated topological surveys at detailed design stage, additional trees are required to be removed. Detailed discussion and justification of the proposed changes, alongside supporting photographs is provided within a supporting note prepared by FPCR.

5.15 Tree group G10(B) is predominantly affected – with the trees immediately adjacent to the school building requiring removal to facilitate the development. No high-quality trees are proposed to be removed. Only low-moderate quality trees (B/ C) will be lost.

5.16 Notwithstanding this, the additional tree removal would not detract from the distinctiveness of site and their removal would be mitigated for through appropriate new tree planting and landscaping to maximise visual amenity and environmental benefits.

5.17 Accordingly, the Arboricultural Assessment and Method Statement has been updated.

Biodiversity Net Gain

5.18 To reflect amendments to retention of trees and landscaping design, the Ecological Impact Assessment, Biodiversity File Note, and DEFRA Biodiversity Metric have been updated.

5.19 The condition of proposed habitat has been improved, which has resulted in an improved BNG score. This is a result of the habitat condition of the broadleaved woodland being upgraded from poor to moderate.

5.20 This shows that the proposals will result in a net gain of:

- 33.19% habitat units
- +100% gain in linear units (default when the baseline is 0).

5.21 Condition 10 attached to the extant permission required the submission of a Habitat Management and Monitoring Plan. Condition 11 required the submission of a Construction Environmental Management Plan (Biodiversity). Updated reports have been prepared in the context of the updated BNG Metric and have been submitted with this application. KC Ecology consultees have previously reviewed the updated reports (as part of now withdrawn discharge of condition application (ref. 2025/90634) and have confirmed that the details are acceptable.

5.22 In summary, the proposed development is in accordance with Policy LP30/ LP33.

Ground Conditions

5.23 The proposed amendments do not affect the conclusions of the approved Phase I and II Geo-Environmental Assessment which remain valid in accordance with Policy LP52.

Public Health

5.24 The approved application was accompanied by a Health Impact Assessment. The conclusions of this report remain valid in accordance with Policy LP47.

6.0 Conclusion

6.1 This Planning Statement has been prepared to accompany a S73 application for a small number of minor amendments to the approved scheme at Joseph Norton Academy SEMH school.

6.2 This Statement has assessed the proposed amendments with reference to the Statutory Development Plan, as well as other material considerations including national planning policy. It confirms that the principle of development of a SEMH school at this site remains unchanged, and the proposed amendments are fully in accordance with relevant planning policies.

6.3 The development of Joseph Norton Academy would provide substantial benefits to children and young people with SEMH needs within Kirklees and would be a high-quality development within the district.

Appendix 1

Plans

Plan Type	Reference	Version	Date Received	Updated Drawing	Version
Site Location Plan	22308-FSA-XX-XX-DR-A-1000	P01	10/11/2023	Update not required	
GA Sections Sheet 1	FSA-XX-XX-DR-A-3000	P01	10/11/2023	**JNA-DLA-01-ZZ-D-A-10006**	**P02**
Existing Site Plan	22308-FSA-XX-XX-DR-A-1001	P01	10/11/2023	Update not required	
Proposed Site Plan	22308-FSA-XX-00-DR-A-1002	-	10/11/2023	**JNA-DLA-XX-XX-D-A-10001**	**P02**
Ground Floor Plan	22308-FSA-XX-00-DR-A-1010	P01	10/11/2023	**JNA-DLA-01-00-D-A-10002**	**P02**
First Floor Plan	22308-FSA-XX-01-DR-A-1110	P01	10/11/2023	**JNA-DLA-01-10-D-A-10003**	**P02**
Roof Plan	22308-FSA-XX-RF-DR-A-1210	P01	10/11/2023	**JNA-DLA-01-R1-D-A-10004**	**P02**
Proposed elevations	22308-FSA-XX-XX-DR-A-2000	P03	11/12/2023	**JNA-DLA-01-ZZ-D-A-10005**	**P02**
Planting Schedule	L-2352-PP-500	05	22/04/2024	**JNA-DLA-00-00-D-L-10012**	**P02**
Existing Site Sections	L-2352-SEC-3000	01	10/11/2023	Update not required	
Proposed Site Sections	L-2352-SEC-3100	14	27/02/2024	**JNA-DLA-00-00-D-L-10011**	**P02**
Landscaping Layout	L-2352-GAP-1000	37	27/02/2024	**JNA-DLA-00-00-D-L-A-10010**	**P02**
Boundary Treatment plan	L-2352-GAP-1100	14	27/02/2024	**JNA-DLA-00-00-D-L-10013**	**P02**
Proposed Drainage	22308-BWB-XX-XX-DR-C-0500	P4	10/11/2023	Plan to be removed. This plan is	

				superfluous as details to secure the detailed drainage design are secured by Condition 7	

Reports

Plan Type	Reference	Version	Date Received	Updated Report	Version
Transport Assessment (part 1)	DEI-BWB-GEN-XX-RP-TR-003_Transport Assessment_P01_Revised	-	10/11/2023	No updates	
Transport Assessment (part 2)	DEI-BWB-GEN-XX-RP-TR-003_Transport Assessment_P01_Revised	-	10/11/2023	No updates	
Transport Assessment (part 3)	DEI-BWB-GEN-XX-RP-TR-003_Transport Assessment_P01_Revised	-	10/11/2023	No updates	
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Travel plan	DEI-BWB-GEN-XX-RP-TR-0002_Travel Plan	P01	10/11/2023	No updates	
Landscape Statement	JNA-COL-XX-XX-DOC-005	03	22/04/2023	No updates	
Preliminary Ecological Appraisal	By Arbtech	2	10/11/2023	No updates	
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Phase II Geo-Environmental Assessment Report	HSP2023-C4164-G-GPII-1222	B	27/02/2024	No updates	
Flood Risk Assessment (part 1)	HSP2022-C4164-C&S-FRAS1-1069	-	10/11/2023	No updates	
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Statement of Community Involvement	Dated August 2023	-	10/11/2023	No updates	
Coal Mining Risk Assessment	C4164	A	10/11/2023	No updates	
Sustainable Drainage Statement	SDT-BWB-ZZ-XX-RP-CD-0001_SDS	P4	10/11/2023	No updates	
Air Quality Impact Assessment	DEI-BWB -ZZ-ZZ-RP-LA-AQA_S0_P01	-	10/11/2023	No updates	
Arboricultural Method Statement	Dated Sept 2023	C	10/11/2023	**Dated February 2025**	**E**
Arboricultural Assessment	Dated Sept 2023	C	10/11/2023	**Dated February 2025**	**E**
Noise Impact Assessment	10046.3	B	10/11/2023	No updates	
Planning Statement	Dated Nov 2023	-	10/11/2023	**As supported by Planning Statement (S73) dated April 2025**	
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Climate Change Statement	22308-FSA-XX-XX-RP-A-8800	03	10/11/2023	No updates	
Design and Access Statement (part 1)	22308-FSA-XX-XX-RP-A-8700	04	10/11/2023	No updates	
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