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Our Ref: 2026/91192

Dear Sir

**Application for a non-material amendment following a grant of planning permission,
Town and Country Planning Act 1990**

Non material amendment to previous permission 2024/91998 for erection of special educational needs and disabilities school (Use Class F1), comprising educational buildings, roof mounted photo-voltaic panels, sensory garden spaces, multi-use games areas, landscaping, hardstanding areas, carparking, access with secure fencing and associated ancillary development
Former, Almondbury High School, Fernside Avenue, Huddersfield, HD5 8PQ
Application Number: 2026/91192

Thank you for your application dated 30-Apr-2026 for a non-material amendment to the above scheme. The amendments sought are:

General Design Amendments to the School

- General update to the window designs:
 - Head of windows and openings lowered by 150mm throughout.
 - Base of all windows lifted to +1050mm throughout (except wing), removing low level spandrel panel to some windows.
 - Removal of 'look-alike windows' within courtyard to maintain only louvre at head.
- Removal of glazed canopy and bridging brickwork parapet.
- Removal of sections of render and replacement with glazed brick in some locations.
- Changed layout to group room windows on western elevation and removal of external downpipes.
- Reduced depth of recesses to some entrance doors.
- A 15m² extension is proposed on the ground floor into the courtyard area.

Drainage Amendments

- It is proposed to amend the drainage attenuation system by replacing the previously indicated Tubosider system with a modular attenuation system.

Lighting Amendments

- Whilst the specification of the lighting remains unchanged, an updated lighting drawing has been prepared to reflect changes following Stage 4 Design.

Landscaping Amendments

- Adjustments have been made to the woodland planting density along the southern and eastern boundaries.
- Refinement of hard landscape finishes within the car park and drop-off areas.
- Updated specification for the bin store and sprinkler tank enclosure.
- Refinement to the canopy/outdoor shelter locations serving the Post-16 garden and Forest School areas.
- Updated BNG calculations being updated to reflect some changes within the landscaping scheme including additional tree planting, which has resulted in an increase in Biodiversity Net Gain from 22.56% to 24.46%.

Conditions

You seek to amend the wording of originally approved Conditions 20 and 22 to reflect the amended drawing nos.

The above changes are as detailed on the following plans/documents:

- Site Plan, Drawing No. NWSC-DLA-00-00-D-A-10001, Rev P01, received 30/04/2026.
- General Arrangement Plan Ground Floor, Drawing No. NWSC-DLA-01-00-D-A-10100, Rev P03, received 20/05/2026.
- General Arrangement Plan First Floor, Drawing No. NWSC-DLA-01-01-D-A-10101, Rev P03, received 20/05/2026.
- General Arrangement Plan, Drawing No. NWSC-DLA-01-RF-D-A-10102, Rev P03, received 30/04/2026.
- GA Elevations Exterior, Drawing No. NWSC-DLA-01-ZZ-D-A-10110, Rev P03, received 30/04/2026.
- GA Elevations Courtyard, Drawing No. NWSC-DLA-01-ZZ-D-A-10111, Rev P04, received 20/05/2026.
- GA Sections Sheet 1, Drawing No. NWSC-DLA-01-ZZ-D-A-10120, Rev P02, received 30/04/2026.
- GA Sections Sheet 2, Drawing No. NWSC-DLA-01-ZZ-D-A-10121, Rev P02, received 30/04/2026.

- Drainage Layout, Drawing No. NWSC-HEX-ZZ-ZZ-D-C-92001, Rev P02, received 30/04/2026.
- External Lighting Sheet 1 of 2, Drawing No. NWSC-GAH-00-00-D-E-01101, Rev P03, received 30/04/2026.
- External Lighting Sheet 2 of 2, Drawing No. NWSC-GAH-00-00-D-E-01102, Rev P03, received 30/04/2026.
- Proposed Landscape Plan, Drawing No. NWSC-ONE-ZZ-ZZ-D-L-00002, Rev P04, received 30/04/2026.
- Proposed Landscape Plan Sheet 1 of 6, Drawing No. NWSC-ONE-ZZ-ZZ-D-L-00003, Rev P02, received 30/04/2026.
- Proposed Landscape Plan Sheet 2 of 6, Drawing No. NWSC-ONE-ZZ-ZZ-D-L-00004, Rev P02, received 30/04/2026.
- Proposed Landscape Plan Sheet 3 of 6, Drawing No. NWSC-ONE-ZZ-ZZ-D-L-00005, Rev P02, received 30/04/2026.
- Proposed Landscape Plan Sheet 4 of 6, Drawing No. NWSC-ONE-ZZ-ZZ-D-L-00006, Rev P02, received 30/04/2026.
- Proposed Landscape Plan Sheet 5 of 6, Drawing No. NWSC-ONE-ZZ-ZZ-D-L-00007, Rev P02, received 30/04/2026.
- Proposed Landscape Plan Sheet 6 of 6, Drawing No. NWSC-ONE-ZZ-ZZ-D-L-00008, Rev P02, received 30/04/2026.
- Access and Security Strategy GA, Drawing No. NWSC-ONE-ZZ-ZZ-D-L-00009, Rev P02, received 30/04/2026.
- Detailed Planting Plan – Sheet 1 of 6, Drawing No. NWSC-ONE-ZZ-ZZ-D-L-00201, Rev P02, received 30/04/2026.
- Detailed Planting Plan – Sheet 2 of 6, Drawing No. NWSC-ONE-ZZ-ZZ-D-L-00202, Rev P02, received 30/04/2026.
- Detailing Planting Plan – Sheet 3 of 6, Drawing No. NWSC-ONE-ZZ-ZZ-D-L-00203, Rev P02, received 30/04/2026.
- Detailed Planting Plan – Sheet 4 of 6, Drawing No. NWSC-ONE-ZZ-ZZ-D-L-00204, Rev P02, received 30/04/2026.
- Detailed Planting Plan – Sheet 5 of 6, Drawing No. NWSC-ONE-ZZ-ZZ-D-L-00205, Rev P02, received 30/04/2026.
- Detailed Planting Plan – Sheet 6 of 6, Drawing No. NWSC-ONE-ZZ-ZZ-D-L-00206, Rev P02, received 30/04/2026.
- Site Sections – Sheet 1 of 2, Drawing No. NWSC-ONE-ZZ-ZZ-D-L-00413, Rev P01, received 30/04/2026.
- Site Sections – Sheet 2 of 2, Drawing No. NWSC-ONE-ZZ-ZZ-D-L-00414, Rev P01, received 30/04/2026.
- Hydro Water Management Solutions Maintenance Requirements, authored by HydroWMS, received 30/04/2026.
- Biodiversity Net Gain Assessment, Project No. 90653.625993, Issue No. 3, authored by Delta Simons, dated February 2026, received 30/04/2026.
- The Statutory Biodiversity Metric, received 30/04/2026.
- Covering Letter, Ref: 67552/01/JG/RBa/40877815V1, authored by Lichfields, dated 29/04/2026, received 30/04/2026.

- Technical Note, Flood Risk and Drainage Design, Ref: NWSC-HEX-XX-XX-TN-C-0001-V01, authored by Hexa, dated 28/04/2026, received 30/04/2026.
- NMA Comparison 01.06.2026, received 01/06/2026.

I confirm that the alterations are acceptable and may be considered as a non-material amendment to the approved drawings. Accordingly, Conditions 20 and 22 are hereby varied to the following:

20. The external lighting for the play area shown on hereby approved drawing no. NWSC-GAH-00-00-D-E-01101-External Lighting Sheet 1 of 2-S3-P03 & NWSC-GAH-00-00-D-E-01102-External Lighting Sheet 2 of 2-S3-P03, and any external lighting erected for the MUGA's, shall only be operated between –

- *07:45hrs to 20:15hrs Monday to Friday*
- *07:45hrs to 18:15hrs Saturdays*
- *10:15hrs to 16:15hrs Sundays or Bank Holidays*

Reason: *To safeguard the amenities of the occupiers of nearby properties and promote sustainable development in accordance with Chapters 2 and 15 of the NPPF and LP52 of the Local Plan.*

22. The development shall be carried out in accordance with the details shown on the submitted plans, "Drainage Planning Technical Note" Drawing No. NWSC-HEX-XX-XX-TN-C-0001-V01, dated 28/04/2026", unless otherwise agreed in writing with the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: *In the interest of satisfactory and sustainable drainage and to accord with Chapter 14 of the National Planning Policy Framework and Policy LP28 of the Kirklees Local Plan.*

It should be noted that this letter relates only to the non-material amendment sought and it is not a re-issue of the original planning permission. The two documents should be read together and as such, all conditions imposed on the original granting of planning permission apply to the proposal as now amended. A copy of this letter and the amended plans will be retained on the public record of approved documents.

I would draw your attention to the need to deal with the Building Surveyor to ensure that the proposal, as amended, still complies with the Building Regulations.

An important part of improving our service is to review your feedback on the way that we have dealt with your planning application(s). Please take a couple of minutes to email your comments to dc.admin@kirklees.gov.uk so that we can work on continually improving our customer service. Thank you.

Yours faithfully

Mathias Franklin

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