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Heritage Impact Statement

Proposed demolition of outbuildings at

Gomersal First School,

Oxford Road,

Gomersal,

BD19 4JR

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Heritage Statement

This heritage statement has been developed for the demolition of 2 no. small outbuildings behind Gomersal First School, Oxford Road, Gomersal to demonstrate an understanding of the area's significance, explain the proposed works, and assess the impact on the Gomersal Conservation Area.

Site Location & Surroundings

The site of the proposed buildings to be demolished are to the rear of Gomersal First School, Oxford Road, BD19 4JR, as highlighted on the location plan below:



Site Boundary

Buildings to demolish

Gomersal Conservation Area

Listed Building

Description of local listed buildings

01 - Red House, 281 Oxford Road

- Heritage Category: Listed Building
- Grade: II*
- List Entry Number: 1135404
- Date First Listed: 12 January 1967
- List Entry Name: Red House

House with barn and coach house, dating to c.1660, with alterations of the C18 and early C20, formerly belonging to the Taylor family and having close association with Charlotte Brontë. The Red House is designated at Grade II* for the following principal reasons:

- Architecture: the house contains some good survivals of the Georgian period, including a staircase, fireplaces and windows, embedded in a late C17 core.

- Function/industrial interest: the architecture of the house, barn and coach house reflects the function and development of this hub for the emerging and developing woollen cloth industry through the C17, C18 and C19.

02 - Gomersal Public Hall, Oxford Road

- Heritage Category: Listed Building
- Grade: II
- List Entry Number: 1135403
- Date First Listed: 13 January 1984
- List Entry Name: Gomersal Public Hall

Public Hall. Circa 1860. Ashlar with rusticated quoins and ground floor. Hipped slate roof. Two storeys. 5-bay symmetrical facade with deep eaves cornice with carved brackets of heads of lion-like beasts, with panels between. Heavily detailed central porch with round arched doorway. Massive carved consoles and extended moulded keystone support heavy cornice with balcony over with turned balusters to front. Flat arched sashes to left and right with architrave and raised key. Large sashes to 1st floor with architrave and segmental pediment on elaborately carved console brackets. Blind balustrade under with turned balusters.

03 - Grove Congregational Church & Sunday School, Oxford Road

- Heritage Category: Listed Building
- Grade: II
- List Entry Number: 1135399
- Date First Listed: 30 April 1982
- List Entry Name: Grove Congregational Church and Sunday School

United Reformed Chapel with adjoining Sunday School. 1825-6. Sunday School possibly earlier. Dressed stone. Stone slate roof. Two storeys with plinth and 1st floor sill band. 3-bay pedimented front to hall, 5 bays long. Central doorway in architrave, with frieze and cornice over. Double door with narrow fielded panels. Rectangular fanlight with marginal glazing. Round arched ground floor windows in round-arched recessed panels which

extend to plinth. Round-arched windows to 1st floor, the centre one in recessed panel. All with marginal glazing. Oculus in tympanum of pediment. Galleried interior partly refurbished in the 1860s.

The Sunday School wing is of 2 storeys, with hipped stone slate roof. Four bays and round-arched sashes with glazing bars.

Principles and justification of proposed works

The main principle of the proposed works seeks to demolish the two small outbuildings to the rear of Gomersal First School, of which the 1 no. larger building sits within the Gomersal Conservation Area.

Gomersal First School itself is not listed although it does add to the local character of the area, the most prominent element being identified as original west facing elevation of the main school. The current proposal is to leave the main school facing onto Oxford Road untouched, and to demolish the more modern outbuilding behind, as identified on the above location plan. It has been identified that in order to facilitate easier access to the site; the 2 no. highlighted outbuildings require demolishing. As a result of this, access to the rear of the site can be achieved without any impact on the main school building, thus having minimum impact on the Gomersal Conservation Area.

Impact of proposed works

The proposed works are seen to have minimum impact on the character or architectural interest of either the immediate area or the wider Gomersal Conservation Area. While the importance of the Gomersal First School, along with listed buildings in the wider area, has been identified, the more modern outbuildings which are proposed to be demolished are sited away from Oxford Road, are mostly obscured and do not bring any beneficial characteristics to the conservation area.

Conclusion

The application proposes the demolition of 2 no. outbuildings to the rear of Gomersal First School, one of which sits within the Gomersal Conservation Area. It is considered that these buildings do not add to local characteristics of the wider area, unlike the nearby identified listed buildings, or the unlisted Gomersal First School, and thus the demolition of these two outbuildings should not have any negative impacts on the wider Gomersal Conservation Area.