



Heritage Statement / Design and Access Statement for Additional Apartment and Amendment to Adjacent Apartment in Former Educational Building, Former Kirklees College, New North Road / Highfields Lane, Huddersfield, HD1 5LS.

Preamble and Description of Existing

There are three main buildings involved in the overall masterplan for the site. All three were formerly occupied by Kirklees College.

The buildings are;

The main Highfields Building that is to The North-East of New North Road – formerly known as ‘Building A’.

A pair of semi detached Georgian houses set behind the Highfields Building – formerly known as ‘Building B’.

A modern linear single storey building that runs along the South-East side of the Highfields Building and which is connected to it with a glazed roof – formerly known as ‘The Link Building’.

It is proposed to create an additional apartment (ref. F.13) and amend the adjacent apartment (F.12) and which will vary the internal layout to that approved in approval 2019/9046. Both apartments have been constructed.

The listing description for Building A is:

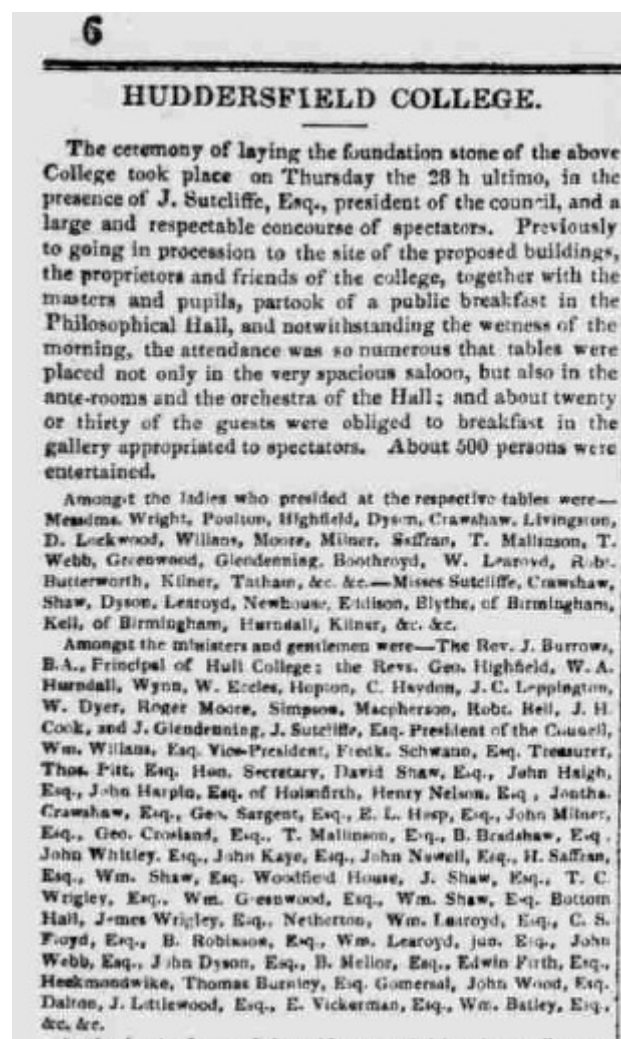
NEW NORTH ROAD 1. 5113 (North Side) Highfield Huddersfield Technical College: Department of Humanities (Highfield Annexe) [formerly listed as Newsome County Secondary School] SE 1317 27/46 15.2.74. II GV 2. 1838-9. Architect: J P Pritchett of York. Formerly Huddersfield College, whose best known pupil was H H Asquith. Ashlar. Hipped slate roof. 2 storeys. Crenellated parapet. Corner turrets. Symmetrically composed around a central 3-storey hall, in manner of Wollaton, or Inverary Castle. Front has short projecting central wing with gabled end: door with 4 moulded panels, in 4-centred arch, with side-lights, whose enclosed in traceried frame with crenellated top. 4-centred arched window with 3 lights, intersecting tracery and hoodmould. Two 2-light and one 3-light stone mullioned windows on both floors either side: those on 1st floor with arched heads to each light, and hoodmoulds. Hall has five 2-light arched windows on each side: parapet crow-stepped in centre. Rear has open arcade on ground floor, with pointed arches and chamfered jambs.

Listing NGR: SE1389017166

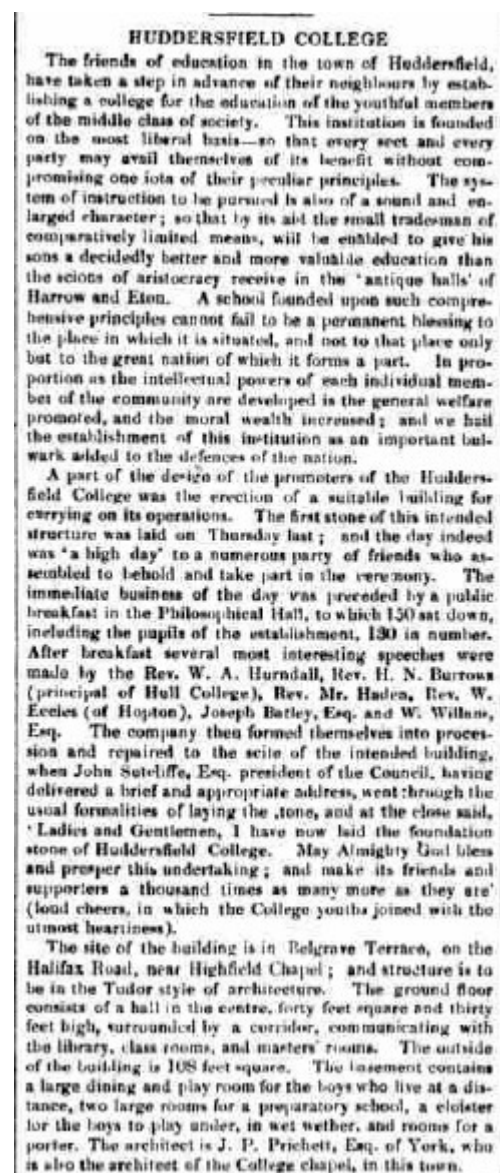
The buildings involved in the masterplan are surrounded on all sides by other listed buildings including:
 52-60 New North Road
 63,65 and 66 New North Road
 Highfield United Reformed Church (now converted to apartments and known as Highfield Court)
 1 Belmont Street.

The buildings and surrounding area are within the Greehead Park Conservation Area. There is no official appraisal description of the conservation area but the part around the application site is characterized by particularly fine, mainly Victorian (but some older) buildings, the consistent use of sandstone, (sometimes ashlar, sometimes split face) as the walling material both for the buildings themselves and for the boundary walls, quite high levels of ornamentation to window and door surrounds, parapets and chimneys and for very little modern intervention in terms of changes to the external appearance of the buildings and the general surroundings (much of Highfields Road, for example, still has a stone sett surface).

The main Highfields Building (Building A) has a striking and somewhat unusual appearance. It was opened in 1839 as a school/college building.



Extract from Leeds Mercury dated 6th April 1839

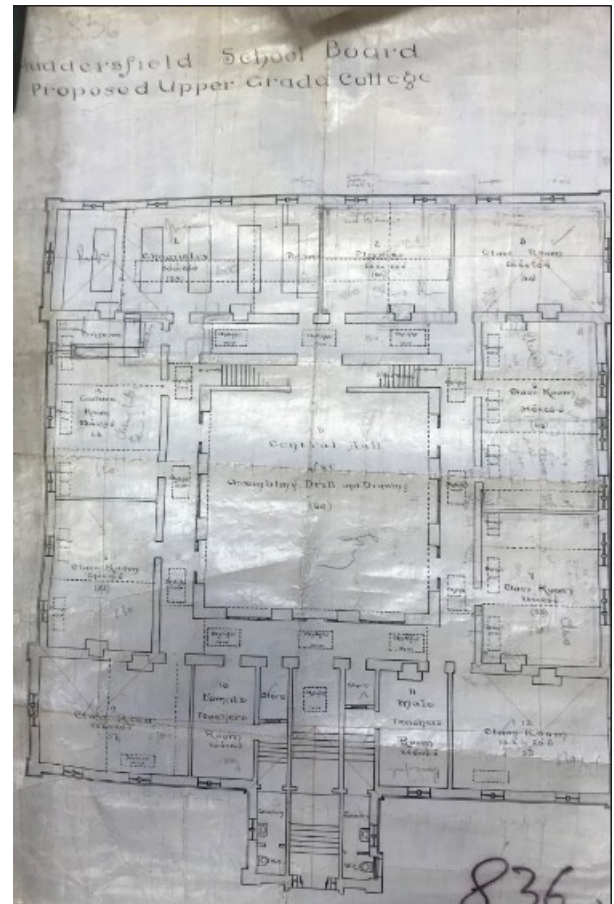


Extract from Bradford Observer dated 4th April 1839

At the centre, set at first floor level, there was a two storey high square assembly hall with clerestorey windows. Set around the perimeter of the hall there is a top lit circulation corridor and outside this, on all four sides, classrooms, dining halls and other rooms, which, at this level, open into the roof space so that they are quite lofty. The roof trusses are exposed and have a fine, filigree appearance. The plan arrangement at ground floor level is similar except that the space beneath the assembly hall originally contained various stores and other 'service' rooms that received no natural light.



Drawing of original ground floor



Drawing of original first floor



General, undated, view of the original college building (from New North Road)

There are a number of small turreted towers around the perimeter of the building and there are slightly larger towers at the corners of the assembly hall. These towers originally contained chimney flues. The clerestory windows of the assembly hall can be seen above the encircling rooms. The roofs at all levels are set behind parapet walls that have a crenelated top. All of the walls are built of sandstone ashlar blocks (which has delaminated a little in a small number of places).

The original entrance was from New North Road and the central section of this elevation projects forward to connect to the pavement that is generally above the ground floor level of the building.

Throughout, windows are regularly spaced and have either flat or arched heads with hood mouldings.

The openings along the East side at ground floor level were originally unglazed and so formed an arcade around an external covered playground.



Current view from New North Road (with The Link Building to the right).

The main Highfields Building (Building A) was designed by the Architect J.P. Pritchett, who also designed the Grade I listed main railway station in Huddersfield and St Peter's Church, also in Huddersfield.

Proposals

It is proposed to create an additional apartment (ref. F.13) and amend the adjacent apartment (F.12) and which will vary the internal layout to that approved in approval 2019/9046. Both apartments have been constructed.

The purpose of this application is to ratify the change to the internal layout shown in the drawings attached to the original approval, ref 2019/90467 and also to also seek approval to the creation of an additional apartment.

Access

There will be no changes to the parking provision, access into the building, the stairs or the lift and so access provision will remain as shown in the drawings attached to approval ref 2019/90467.