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1.0 Introduction

1.1 General

- 1.1.1 This Design, Access & Heritage Statement has been prepared by Baily Garner on behalf of the London Borough of Camden. It accompanies the full planning application for alterations to the nursery terrace area, to Primrose Hill Primary School.
- 1.1.2 This report responds to the requirements of the Town and Country Planning (General Development Procedure) (Amendment) (England) Order 2006 (the GDPO) for planning applications (with some exceptions) to be accompanied by a Design and Access Statement.
- 1.1.3 The structure and content of the statement has been informed by DCLG Circular 01/2006 Guidance on Changes to the Development Control System (12 June 2006) and Design and Access Statements: How to Write, Read and Use Them (CABE, 2007). Together these have provided advice on what a Design and Access Statement should include.

1.2 Structure of the Statement

- 1.2.1 Based on the Circular 01/2006 and CABE advice, the following sections of the Statement comprise:
- Section 2.0 - Understanding the Context
 - Section 3.0 - Design
 - Description of Proposal, Use, Layout, Scale and Appearance
 - Section 4.0 - Access
 - Section 5.0 - Summary and Conclusion

2.0 Understanding the Context

2.1 Site Description

- 2.1.1 Originally designed by architect ER Robson as a Board School, Primrose Hill Infant School is a Grade II Listed building which was constructed circa 1885. The main walls are red brickwork (rusticated) to the ground floor and gables, and yellow stock brickwork to the first and second floors. The main roof slopes are tiled roofs, steeply pitched with scroll enriched gables terminating in pedimented features. Flemish Renaissance style. There are 3 main storeys with attics and basements. The fenestration is irregular; mostly transom and mullion effect flush framed windows with gauged brick flat arches. The building where works are proposed to be carried out is the Old School Keepers House. This is not listed however, falls within the curtilage of the listing.

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Figure 1: Site aerial view. Nursery terrace outlined in red

2.1.2 The proposed works relate to the nursery building (formerly the school keepers house) and external paved terrace outside of this, located near to the school's North-West boundary. (Figure 2 below, Figure 1 for position reference).



Figure 2: Street view of Nursery terrace. Close up of finish for reference (top right)

2.1.3 The paved finish to the terrace is a comparatively recent addition in the context of the building ages; work which was completed in 2011 as part of a refurbishment project to the terrace area. Prior to this, the external area had an asphalt covering (Figure 3 - below). The nursery building runs beneath this at basement level.

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Figure 3: View of external area prior to paving, circa 2011.

2.1.4 Defects began to materialise soon after installation of the paving and other works were complete, with significant internal dampness and staining within the Nursery building at both ground floor, and basement level (Figure 4).



Figure 4: Photographs of internal damage.

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- 2.1.5 There are believed to be a number of attributing factors to the above, including.
- The new paving has raised the finish ground level, bridging the damp proof course to the Nursery building. This has resulted in migration of dampness at ground floor level (confirmed within third party report).
 - The subbase on which the paving was laid was not laid as per the designers specification and is therefore not porous – so moisture does not drain effectively
 - The Terrace was installed and a number of aspects were installed non-compliant e.g. the walk on rooflight.
- 2.1.6 Attempts were made to rectify these issues during the 12-month defects period and also following this, with no success. Currently, these dampness and ingress issues are still persisting. This is having a detrimental effect on the delivery of education in these areas as they have currently deemed this area 'not fit for purpose' and a 'health and safety hazard' due to the build up of mould created by damp.

3.0 Design

3.1 Description of the Proposal

- 3.1.1 The proposal is to rectify the above issues through a replacement terrace/roof build up, along with ancillary remedial works.
- 3.1.2 Works will include;
- Stripping back brick paving and subbase to original starting point (Figure 3) pre-2011.
 - Providing a new Bauder warm roof Liquid system, including new walk on Luxcrete roof light. The roof is to be finished in Traffic Grey (see figure 5)
 - Injection damp proof course installation externally at low level to Nursery main wall brick work, above new roof upstand.
 - The new upstand will extend approximately 100mm above the current upstand as the previous upstand is non-compliant.
 - The existing Coal Hole to the nursery roof will be carefully removed and set aside for re installation elsewhere along the front elevation of the building. We will do this within 3 months of completion of the roof area.



Figure 5: Example Proposed Finishing Colour (Traffic Grey)

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3.2 Existing Use

- 3.2.1 The property is a primary school building, the primary use of which is the delivery of education.
- 3.2.2 The property is Grade II Listed.

3.3 Layout

- 3.3.1 No alterations are required to the existing layout of any dwelling.

3.4 Scale

- 3.4.1 No change in scale is proposed and therefore this item is not considered applicable.

3.5 Appearance

- 3.5.1 The change in appearance will be to liquid finish to the roof in Traffic Grey, outside of the nursery area. The rectification of defects which will improve water drainage will reduce the moss and algae growth. It is argued this will further improve the aesthetic appearance.

4.0 Access

- 4.1.1 No changes to access are proposed and therefore access is considered not applicable.

5.0 Summary

- 5.1.1 The changes proposed are considered essential works to ensure the school stays functional. The levels of damp and moisture ingress internally are extensive and the space is at risk of soon becoming unusable. The alterations are sympathetic to the buildings Listed status and sympathetic materials will be utilised. It is argued this will further improve the aesthetic appearance. It is also key to acknowledge that the brick paving in situ is circa 12 years old, and does not form part of the original listing (1974).