

DESIGN AND ACCESS STATEMENT

**LA SAINTE UNION SCHOOL
HIGHGATE ROAD
LONDON NW5 1RP**

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BOUNDARY WALL TO CROFTDOWN ROAD

1. The section of existing boundary wall in question is formed partly in solid brickwork approximately 1800mm high.
2. The brick section of the boundary wall does not appear to be contemporary with the construction of the original building on the site which is in the region of 130 years of age and the wall has obviously been repaired in modern times.
3. The brick section of the boundary wall is cracked and leaning in places as a result of the action of the roots of the trees growing within the pavement adjacent to the wall and the lack of allowance for thermal movement in the structure. There are both fears for the safety of the wall and repairs/sections of rebuilding will be required.
4. It is considered that the section of wall should be rebuilt to the existing configuration but including movement joints and ground beams to alleviate the causes of the present walls deterioration.
5. - Existing access to the site will be unaltered and there are therefore no access issues with the proposal.