

**DESIGN AND ACCESS STATEMENT
IN RELATION TO PROPOSED REPLACEMENT OF EXISTING
WINDOWS TO THE DE BRABANT BUILDING AND COPIN HALL AT
LA SAINTE UNION SCHOOL
HIGHGATE ROAD
LONDON NW5 1RP**

1. Both of the buildings, the De Brabant Building and the Copin Hall were constructed during the 1950s and are provided with single glazed, metal framed windows and doors in timber sub-frames, all of which date from that time.

The existing windows and doors to both of the buildings are thermally inefficient and due to a lack of draught-proofing and weather-proofing the sashes leak air and are cold and draughty giving rise to poor comfort conditions within the buildings and high costs of heating them.

2. In order to improve comfort conditions within the buildings, the De Brabant Building being used as classrooms and the Copin Hall as the gymnasium for the Junior School, and also to reduce the costs of heating, it is proposed to replace the existing windows and doors with new thermally efficient units.
3. It is proposed to replace the windows and doors with double glazed, powder coated, aluminium framed units all to match the existing configuration and glazing pattern of the existing windows and doors. It is considered that the proposed replication of the glazing patterns and the general style of the new proposed windows and doors will not be of any detriment to the existing buildings nor have any detrimental effect upon the adjacent buildings.
4. No alterations to the existing means of access to the buildings will occur as a result of the renewal of the windows and doors, the existing level and ramped accesses being maintained and unaltered.