



The Hall Senior School Development Project

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PART 1 INTRODUCTION

INTRODUCTION

This **Design & Access Statement** accompanies a planning application for the redevelopment of The Hall Senior School site located on the east side of Crossfield Road opposite the junction with Adamson Road.

The Hall School operates on three other sites not covered by this application. These are, the Junior School on Buckland Crescent, the Middle School on Crossfield Road and the playing fields at the Wilf Slack Memorial Ground in Barnet.

PROJECT BACKGROUND

The School has identified that the existing buildings on the site are out-dated and no longer meet the long term needs for a modern prep school. The buildings are becoming an obstacle to the successful operation of the school as piecemeal development over the past 30 years has resulted in a congested and cramped layout.

A once in a generation opportunity has therefore arisen to redevelop the site, to retain and enhance the setting of the original Victorian fabric of the school whilst replacing the less successful extensions with a cohesively planned building which compliments and ties in with the original to deliver a holistic solution. The proposed solution will deliver the space required for the long term needs of the School future-proofing the building.

PURPOSE OF THIS DOCUMENT

The purpose of this Design & Access Statement is to:

- Show how the School has analysed the site and its setting
- Set out various other development options that were considered and why these were discounted
- Explain the sound principles behind the design process which have culminated in the proposed development
- Justify the design scheme that is subject to this planning application
- Demonstrate how good, inclusive design has been achieved enabling access for all users.



THE DESIGN PROCESS

The school and its design team have worked closely with Camden Borough Council and other key stakeholders in bringing forward the emerging design, which has led to this planning application submission.

This Design & Access Statement draws on a number of key documents that have been prepared by the school's design and technical team, which accompany the planning application:

Planning Statement

Statement of Community Involvement

Heritage Statement

Transport Statement & Updated Travel Plan

Basement Impact Assessment

Arboricultural Report

BREEAM Pre-Assessment

Lifecycle Assessment & Embodied Carbon Assessment

Sustainability & Energy Statement

Daylight & Sunlight Report

Draft Construction Management Plan

Ecology Report

Acoustic Report

SUDS Report

THE VISION

To paraphrase the school ethos; our aim is to create an exciting and stimulating academic environment which will foster a life-long love of learning for every pupil.

This development is about more than just extensions and refurbishment but more so the re-orientation of the fabric of the school to match the culture and ambitions of the school.

Our vision is to comprehensively refurbish our Senior School site on Crossfield Road and build modern teaching facilities fit for 21st Century teaching.

The aim is to create room to breathe for the current number of pupils. There will be no increase in school roll.



