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Introduction

This Design & Access Statement has been prepared to accompany a Planning & Listed Building Application for two new air source heat pumps adjacent to the music block at Acland Burghley School, as part of a decarbonisation project lead by Camden Council in the ongoing fight against global warming.

We believe that the information set out hereunder identifies the heritage asset and how it will be preserved by the proposed works, and thereby ensure its ongoing retention and use for years to come. The report will also identify design and access issues pertinent to the proposals.

The Existing Site & Immediate Surroundings

Acland Burghley School is a mixed comprehensive secondary school in the Tufnell Park area of the London Borough of Camden, in London, England. The school received specialist status as an Arts College in 2000 and is a part of the LaSWAP Sixth Form Consortium

The site itself lies within a fenced compound adjacent to the modern music block in the grounds of Acland Burghley School which is a Listed Building.

Current Listing Status.

*Designation Type: Listing
Grade: II*

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Reason for Designation

*Acland Burghley School, Camden, 1963-7 by Howell, Killick, Partridge & Amis, is listed at Grade II for the following principal reasons: * Architectural interest; the design's bold elevational treatment and skilful handling of pre-cast concrete components and their finishes confer a strong aesthetic while respecting the wider Victorian townscape. The jewel-like, top-lit assembly hall is a particularly notable feature where the use of timber and concrete gives a rich texture; * Plan-form: the innovative plan, comprising three towers radiating from a central administration core with the linked assembly hall, remains relevant and fit for purpose, affording permeability and appropriate levels of accessibility combined with practical and humane functioning spaces; * Architects: Howell, Killick, Partridge and Amis were one of the country's foremost post-war architectural practices with a number of listed educational buildings to their name; * Historic Interest: the London County Council was at the forefront of innovative architectural approaches to the design of non-selective secondary schools. Acland Burghley favourably compares with the listed Lilian Baylis and Haggerston Schools, and is a good example of a school commissioned from well-regarded architects during this formative period.*

Assessing the Significance

The original building is of importance as a heritage asset and as such any development in the former grounds must be sensitively handled.

Design Concept of the Proposed Maintenance and Improvement Works

The adjacent built form completely overshadows the proposed site and its position in a fenced compound ensure the visual impact is minimal, and the air source heat pumps in no way impact on the built form of any structures within the grounds of the school. The site is also screened by the change of levels in the immediate locality thereby reducing the impact of the scheme even further.

The access to the proposal is off existing hardstanding and as such no additional built form is required in order to enable the development.

Access Issues

The application does not present any access issues.

Impact of the Proposed Development and Mitigation Strategy

Ultimately, the specified programme of works will benefit the de-carbonisation of the school estate and with the design strategy that mitigates any negative impact the proposal will have a neutral impact on the character and setting of the listed structures on site.

Conclusions

With the above points in the mind Planning and Listed Building Consent will allow for the sympathetic and sustainable siting of two air source heat pump units on site without any negative impact upon the heritage asset that is Acland Burghley School.