



PLANNING CONSULTATION RESPONSE

Application No	2025/0947
Proposal	Renewal of external lighting and installation of CCTV (Listed Building Consent)
Address	Northern College, Lowe Lane, Stainborough, Barnsley, S75 3ET
Date of Consultation Reply	22.01.2026
Consultee	Charlie Atkinson Design & Conservation Apprentice

Consultation Assessment and Justification

The main consideration is: -

- Whether or not the proposed alterations would harm the special architectural or historic interest or impact on the setting of the listed Building

Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990

Section 16 (2): The local planning authority shall have special regard to the desirability of preserving the building or its setting or any features of special architectural or historic interest

Policy

NPPF 207/208: Identify and assess heritage significance including the setting and the effect of a proposal

NPPF 212: Great weight given to an asset's conservation, irrespective of the degree of harm

NPPF para 213: Any harm to or loss of significance will require clear and convincing justification

Barnsley Local Plan HE1: The Historic Environment

Barnsley Local Plan Policy HE3: Developments affecting Historic Buildings

Conservation Comments:

This application seeks Listed Building Consent (LBC) for the renewal and introduction of external lighting, as well as the installation of CCTV, at Northern College – Wentworth Castle, Lowe Lane, Stainborough.

These comments are provided as follow-up and final comments to my initial consultation response to reflect subsequent discussions between us, the planning officer, the architect, and the applicant.

Previous discussions primarily focused on the proposal to erect two freestanding lighting poles fronting the Baroque Wing/eastern elevation. My initial comments noted that: *"The proposal includes two freestanding pole lights and three low-level bollards to improve visibility and wayfinding in emergencies, particularly due to level changes from the dining room. However, this prominent elevation's symmetrical and grand appearance could be impacted negatively by the works. Alternative solutions should be explored, such as further low-level bollards as already in situ or projecting light from stair corners on the ground, reducing reliance on intrusive pole lighting."*

Following this, alternative options were explored due to the sensitivity of the location (the RPG) and the less than substantial harm we feel will be caused to the architectural and historic significance of



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the Grade I listed building. Following discussions with Historic England (who have some concerns) and discussion with Storah Architecture, it has been agreed that, because this entrance serves as a fire escape and is part of the adopted escape strategy, the proposed lighting solution represents the least harmful option overall, providing necessary illumination to the stone staircase. Other options including bulkhead lighting, surface lighting, or uplighters were either discounted early on due to the need for physical interventions or felt to be impractical solutions.

While this approach is not ideal and introduces some minor harm, it is justified on the grounds of user and visitor safety in the event of an emergency or fire. The changes are also minimally invasive, and fully reversible as per best practice. Consequently, we support the proposal.

Please see proposed conditions below.

No Objection

*Delete as applicable

Consultation Suggested Conditions:

- Replacement lighting units shall be fitted using existing fixtures and fittings.
- New lighting units shall be fitted within the joints of the stonework.
- The Cameras shall be black and fitted within the joints of the stonework.

Consultation Informative(s):

N/A

Planning Obligations required:

N/A