Design and Access Statement

Springwell Alternative Academy
External alterations

For

Wellspring Academy Trust

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1 Introduction & Background

This planning application has been submitted on behalf of Wellspring Academy Trust for external alterations including windows doors and fenestration, areas of render, roofing treatments and new porch as well as an externally mounted air source heat pump.

Wellspring Academy Trust have 28 schools across Yorkshire and Lincolnshire, Springwell Alternative academy is a recent addition to the trust and is part Springwell Learning Community along with Springwell Special Academy which is also in Barnsley.

2 Description of Site

Springwell Alternative Academy is accessed via Thornton Road. The site shares a boundary to the east and south with The Forest Academy a primary school which is also part of the Wellspring Academy Trust. To the north is Kendray business centre. Land to the west is common land accessed from Cypress Road.

The site itself is enclosed with fencing and has a carpark to the south accessed through the site.

The original build of the school has been significantly extended out to the east of the site.

3 Proposed Development

See accompanying drawings:

- 21-079-302 Existing Elevations
- 21-079-303 Proposed Elevations
- 21-079-311 Cladding Elevations
- 21-079-312 Porch Plan Detail
- 21-079-313 Porch & Cladding Detail
- 21-079-314 Roof Plan
- 21-079-316 Location Plan
- 21-079-317 Site Plan
- 21-079-318 ASHP Location Plan

4 Planning History

There is one known application pertaining to the site,
The addition of an extension, validated 19th of February 2002

Application Reference - B/99/0636/BA
Application description - Erection of single-storey crech extension

5 Planning Consideration

Constraints
The site is not part of a green belt or within a conservation area.

Highways, Access, Car & Cycle Parking
There will be no change to the existing cycle and car parking arrangements to the site. It is not thought the development will increase or have an impact on travel to and from the site.

Flood Risk and Drainage

The National Planning Policy Framework advises that development should be located in areas where there is the lowest probability of flooding. The site is situated in Very Low risk area (see Image 5 below) where flooding from rivers and the sea is very unlikely. There is less than 0.1% chance of flooding each year.



6 Planning Policy & Conclusion

The scheme provides a much-needed upgrade to the external areas of the school, which will run alongside an extensive internal refurbishment. It will provide a welcoming aesthetic to an existing educational facility and demonstrates the trusts investment in improving educational facilities within the Barnsley area. The Barnsley Local Plan adopted 2019 states in Policy L2 Educational and Community Facilities 'We will support the provision of schools, educational facilities and other community facilities' and;

25.7 One of the borough's ambitions is to invest in education and skills to support the development of the economy and increase educational attainment. It is important that everyone has access to a good education. We will support the Remaking Learning agenda, the Building Schools for the Future Programme and future education initiatives.

25.9 Buildings and space for community use are important if we are to create sustainable communities where people want to live. The opportunity to take part in community life can help to engender community pride and spirit. Therefore, community facilities will be protected where possible.

Given that the scheme will provide a lasting upgrade to school facilities to the foremost benefit of pupils, as well as being in line with local policy as stated above, we would welcome the support of the local planning authority on this application.