Heritage Statement

14 College House, Huddersfield Road, Barnsley 575 1D5

Description of Proposed Works

The proposed works involves the part removal of an existing window to 14 College Huddersfield Road, Barnsley S75 1DS and associated low level brick cavity wall construction down to internal finished floor level.

Materials Existing and Proposed

The existing windows are double glazed softwood or hardwood painted windows with moulded returns on there arris. It is proposed to partially remove these windows up to transom level and replace them with an inward opening door half glazed double glazed glass with glazing beads to match the existing. (see attached photos). The bottom half of the door will be insulated to comply with current building regulations.

Justification

This work is proposed as a means to the improvement of the means of escape within the apartment as the client is no longer able to walk quickly along the two long corridors to meet the final exit from the building plus having to negotiate a small number of trip sills and a staircase. The design of the proposed double doors will match the design of the existing double doors along the same elevation of College House. The doors will be constructed of hardwood timber which will be painted to match the existing windows and doors along the same elevation.

Explanation of the Buildings Historical and Architectural Significance

The design should agree with the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) sections 189 - 208 latest edition.

The school, currently as 63 apartments. It was designed in 1909. The design comprises of red bricks with stone ashlar dressings. The roof is covered with a Westmorland green slate finish. Free Classical style. Two storeys. Symmetrical composition. Central seven-bay block linked by three recessed narrow bays to three-bay block on each side, beyond are two-storey wings. The main building has alternate ashlar quoins and ashlar basement. Segmental-headed twelve-pane casements to basement.

Ground floor: central portal reached by swept staircase with delicate turned balusters. Double, panelled door with tripartite over light. Pilaster jambs with voluted capitals, support large open, segmental pediment. Shield in tympanum with foliage. Windows are twelve-pane sashes in architraves. Those flanking door are narrower, of eight panes. Each has ashlar apron. Similar first-floor windows surmounted by open triangular pediments set in panel with chequered ashlar and brickwork. Deep ashlar aprons connect with heads of ground-floor windows. Moulded coping to parapet. Hipped roof. Ornamental stack to each side. Central wooden lantern with round-arched openings, open triangular pediments and domed roof. The three-bay side blocks are similar, with central bays marked by pilasters. Ground-floor central window has triangular pediment and that above a shallow segmental pediment whose base continues across the rest of the front as on eaves cornice with parapet above. Tall brick stacks. Hipped roofs.

Two storey wing to left has a wide tripartite window with pilaster jambs and engaged column mullions supporting an open segmental pediment with cartouche in tympanum. First-floor ashlar panel reading 'ERECTED AD 1909', flanked by small lights. The right wing is plainer and has a corner chimney / tower.

The rear of the central block has large, round-arched ground-floor windows with glazing bars and six-light first-floor windows with two transoms and open segmental pedimented heads, except end bays which have triangular pediments. Octagonal wooden lantern with Doric columns and domed roof. Barnsley High School for Girls was founded in 1905, and housed in temporary buildings in Queen's Road until this new school building was opened in November 1909.

Legal

This building is listed under the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 as amended for its special architectural or historic interest.

