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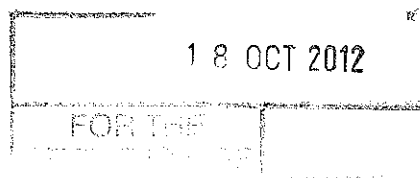
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HERITAGE STATEMENT

FOR

NEW RECEPTION CLSSSROOM

AT



ST MARY'S RC PRIMARY SCHOOL
LONGSIGHT ROAD
OSBALDESTON
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Description of Asset and setting:

The proposed development is on the site of a Grade II listed building. The building appears on the National Heritage List as: Entry List No 1164570 – School South West of Church of St Mary.

The original building was erected in 1845 and is constructed of snecked sandstone rubble and has a fishscale slate roof. The windows are double chamfered with mullions and doors have chamfered stone surrounds. Gables are coped with kneelers and apex crosses. The Gable windows are 4 light with perpendicular tracery under a flat head. Above each is a trefoil window.

The original building has had white upvc windows fitted at some stage. The original building has been extended a number of times, the cumulative volume of which, is far greater than the original building. These extensions sit to one side and the rear of the original. The later extensions are stone faced to the sides and front and pebble dashed to the rear, stained timber windows are fitted throughout and all roofs are slated.

The school sit next to The Church & Presbytery of St Mary which is also listed (List Entry No: 1072076).

Both building front onto the busy A59 trunk road; the original school is set back slightly behind a yard area and has a stone and railing boundary wall. The buildings are in the hamlet of Osbaldeston but they appear as a separate group of buildings with fields either side.

Assessment of significance:

It is still possible to recognise the relationship of the school building with its attendant church and presbytery although some of its significance and setting has been lost by the scale of later development. The original form of the building is still readily visible and the main features i.e. its window tracery, fishscale roof etc are still present. The inclusion of upvc windows has damaged the character of the building but this is reversible.

The original building along with the adjacent Church is still the dominant feature when passing the site.

Scale of Development & Impact of Proposed Development.

The new development is the construction of a new 'self contained' reception classroom. The proposals will not require the alteration of any of the existing listed buildings.

The new classroom is small scale, some 9.6m x 6.6m on plan and is single storey with random coursed stone walls with jumpers and a blue slate roof.

The classroom has been designed with the floor level significantly lower than that of the existing buildings. This has a two fold effect, one, to help reduce its presence on the street scene and to maintain clear views of the original building when passing by car or on foot, and two, to allow disabled access and continuous external play provision.

The majority of the building will be hidden from the road by the existing hedges along the roadside and side boundary.

The new building is located some distance from the original part of the building and will not effect its visual appearance on the street scene, nor will it alter the character or setting of the existing buildings.

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