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Your Ref : 3/2021/006 & 7
Our Ref : WHAL/01

Date : 25 March 2021

Dear Ms Hopkins,

Application refs: 3/2021/0006 & 7
Site at Whalley Old Grammar School, Station Road, Whalley.

Further to your email dated 12 March 2021 and subsequent email to me dated 15 March 2021 agreeing to my request for an extension of time to 26 March 2021 for determination of the application and your request in that email to confirm whether my clients wish to withdraw the above applications by 25 March 2021, I now confirm that my clients are not withdrawing the applications.

Rather, my clients have looked again at the proposals in light of the points you raise in your email dated 15 March and accordingly I have been instructed by my clients to amend the scheme and submit an amended plan and further information to address the points you have raised. Accordingly, please now find attached the following:

1. Amended drawing Dwg 02 B – Proposed Plans and Elevations;
2. Business Plan;
3. Justification for the need for an outdoor play space;
4. Ofsted Report April 2018;
5. The importance of free-flow indoor/outdoor provision.
6. Letter from the Pre-School.
7. Further comments from Mr. Stephen Haig.
8. 1882 plan of the first floor.
9. Email from LCC Education Improvement service

The following comments respond in order to the points of your email dated 12 March 2021:

Point 1 – Proposed Single Storey Extension.

The amended plan Dwg 02 B now shows a replacement of the existing brick-built extension and covered store area. The replacement extension is the same dimensions as that existing structure but finished with a more appropriate stone and slate material. A central rooflight is shown, which reflects the existing rooflight that is covered up by the existing corrugated metal sheets.

Point 2 – Play area fencing.

The attached documents: business plan ; Ofsted report; justification for the play area and letter from the

pre-school addresses the need for this outdoor space. As you will see, Ofsted have referred to the need for this for the pre-school to obtain an outstanding rating. If the pre-school does not do so, the consequences of this are as set out in the letter from the pre-school.

Point 3 – Open space

We acknowledge this is addressed.

Point 4 – east elevation door and south elevation window

Our Heritage Consultant, Mr. Stephen Haig has made further comment in support of this

Point 5 – Calder Room

There were previously rooms at first floor level in the location where it is now proposed to reinstate an upper room. The 1882 plan attached shows this.

Point 6 – Lift

The attached amended plan Dwg 02B shows the lift repositioned to within the Calder Room. This means that there are no existing floors to be broken through. The need for the lift is, as we have previously stated, to meet the duty imposed by virtue of the Equality Act 2010.

Point 7 – shrubs.

We acknowledge that this is dealt with.

Point 8 – public benefits.

The public benefits are set out in the attached business plan, email from LCC and justification documents.

We trust these considered amendments and additional information following your comments on the scheme will be sufficient to allow the Council's officers to support this community facility and approve this scheme.

Yours Sincerely,

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