

**FURTHER COMMENTS REGARDING HERITAGE IMPACT
OF PROPOSED WORKS
AT WHALLEY OLD GRAMMAR SCHOOL, STATION ROAD, WHALLEY**

1 Introduction

- 1.1 Further to my heritage statement of 21 December 2020, I make the following comments with regard to the revised proposals (dated 23 March 2021), which are to be resubmitted following the recent refusal of applications 3/2021/0006 & /0007. The statement of significance provided previously within that earlier document remains valid.

2 Current proposals

- 2.1 The amendments to the changes proposed for the south elevation are an improvement, which I believe is acceptable in terms of heritage impact. The reinstatement of the south entrance would have a neutral impact on the appearance of the building, and the glazed screen proposed for the enclosure of the smaller outdoor play area would be preferable over steel railings, as they would be an obvious addition to the historic building, without the industrial connotations which steel carries. It is considered that no harm would arise from these aspects.
- 2.2 The amendments to the proposed replacement single-storey extension to the west elevation mean that this element of the proposal closely replicates the dimensions of the existing structure, and represents an improvement (enhancement of the heritage asset), by virtue of the stone and slate finish, without excess glazing to walls or roof.
- 2.3 Given the extensive modernisation that has taken place to the interior of the building, the other changes proposed are considered fully acceptable, and would not cause harm to heritage significance, nor the special architectural or historic character of the listed building.

3 Summary

- 3.1 As with the original applications, the proposals comprise a number of minor, targeted changes to the historic building, all with the aim of increasing the public benefits which the Whalley Educational Foundation provides to the local community, as its *raison d'être*.

- 3.2 While some potential harm was previously identified within the (now refused) applications, the current proposals would not result in harm, and in some respects would enhance heritage significance, while also providing obvious public benefits.

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