

## Design & Access Statement – Stonyhurst College West Wing

This design and access statement is to be read in conjunction with the accompanying existing and proposed drawings and photographic survey.

### Design

Located within the Stonyhurst estate, the West Wing is Grade II\* listed and was completed between 1876-1888 as part of the South Front. Much of the external fabric and core structure of the building survives. Late 20<sup>th</sup> century and early 21<sup>st</sup> century works have divided up the historic plan in some areas.

West Wing itself consists of four levels with a single storey link to St. Peter's Church. The ground floor, including the Campion Room wing, is primarily used for boarding accommodation, changing and classroom space. Above Campion is the boys chapel, and above the southern leg of West Wing are three further floors of boarding rooms / staff accommodation.

The proposals seek approval to refurbish the existing building at the ground floor level into an improved boarding facility for students with 6 twin en-suite bedrooms, an expanded and greatly improved social space, an evening tv room / coffee room with kitchenette, a staff office and 2-bedroom staff flat. The fundamental drivers for the design are as follows:

- Avoid alterations to the external fabric
- Minimise internal structural intervention by utilising the existing layout where possible. Keep alterations to non-structural elements
- Retain internal historic features where possible and carefully remove and store historic features that cannot be incorporated into the new design
- Create high-quality boarding accommodation that meets the needs of the College whilst decoratively complementing the historic fabric.

Further information regarding the proposals can be found within the accompanying drawings. The principles of expanding boarding numbers in West Wing are in line with the adopted 2018 strategic masterplan.

### Access

The design of the refurbishment has been developed with consideration towards duties placed on the applicant under the Equality Act 2010 and Part M guidance. The current access arrangements at the ground floor of the existing building are level, with no change in heights across the scope of the refurbishment.