

Havant Borough Council
Heritage Consultation Response

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Application – APP/26/00586

Site Address – Purbrook Park School, Park Avenue, Waterlooville

Proposal

Listed Building Consent for Replacement of windows and external doors, plus removal of 1 no. storeroom window, and the reconfiguration of 1 no. window. (Blocks 001A, 001K, 001D, 001E and 001G)

Heritage Assets Affects

The application site comprises the grounds of Purbrook Park School, which includes the Grade II listed former mansion dating principally from the early 19th century with later educational extensions. The listed building derives its significance from its architectural interest as a substantial stuccoed country house associated with Sir Robert Taylor and its historic evolution as an important local estate subsequently adapted for educational use. The setting of the listed building includes the surrounding school grounds and later educational buildings. The proposal principally affects later school blocks (001A, 001K, 001D, 001E and 001G) located within the wider curtilage of the listed building.

Legislation

Planning (Listed Building and Conservation Areas) Act 1990

Regard must be had for Section 16(2) of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 ("1990 Act") which requires local planning authorities to have special regard to the desirability of preserving a listed building, its setting or any features of special architectural or historic interest when considering whether to grant listed building consent.

Section 66(1) of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 requires special regard to be paid to the desirability of preserving the listed building and its setting.

National and Local Planning Policy

Chapter 20 of the National Planning Policy Framework (August 2026) seeks to conserve and enhance the historic environment. In considering applications affecting designated heritage assets, decision makers should identify and assess the significance of heritage assets that may be affected by a proposal, giving great weight to their conservation. Where a proposal would result in no harm to significance, there is a strong presumption in favour of sustaining and enhancing heritage assets and significance, there is a strong presumption in favour of sustaining and enhancing heritage assets and putting them to viable uses consistent with their conservation.

Regarding the adopted Local Plan, policies CS11.4 and CS16 of the Havant Borough Core Strategy and Policy DM20 of the Havant Borough Allocations Plan are all relevant to this application.

Assessment:

Significance

The principal heritage significance of the site lies within the Grade II listed former mansion house, which survives as the historic core of the school campus. The listed building retains architectural and historic significance through its form, elevations, architectural detailing and historic plan form. The wider school grounds and later educational buildings contribute to its setting by illustrating the site's continued educational use. However, the later school blocks proposed for alteration are of limited heritage significance in their own right and are clearly distinguishable from the historic listed building.

Impact of the proposal

The application proposes the replacement of existing windows and external doors to blocks 001A, 001K, 001D, 001E and 001G. These works comprise the replacement of existing timber and metal-framed single-glazed windows and doors with powder-coated aluminium double-glazed systems. The proposals also include the removal of a window within the Site Team storeroom through brick infilling of the opening and the partial infilling of kitchen window WH/2 to satisfy current fire safety requirements. No works are proposed to the Grade II listed mansion building itself.

The affected buildings comprise later school accommodation dating from the 1970s to 1980s and are not identified as forming part of the listed building's special architectural or historic interest. The proposals therefore do not result in the loss of historic fabric associated with the designated heritage asset.

The proposed replacement windows and doors would largely replicate the existing opening sizes and general appearance of the existing installations. Whilst the use of aluminium rather than timber represents a material change, these alterations are confined to modern educational buildings and would not affect the historic fabric of the listed mansion. The proposed simplification of glazing bar arrangements to blocks 001A and 001K would maintain a clear distinction between the later school accommodation and the historic mansion, ensuring that the architectural significance of the listed building remains legible.

The removal of the storeroom window and reduction in size of kitchen window WH/2 are both located on later school buildings in visually limited areas of the site and would not adversely affect the significance, appreciation or setting of the Grade II listed building.

Overall, the proposals would preserve the significance of the Grade II listed building and its setting. The works would secure operational, energy-efficiency and maintenance benefits for the continued educational use of the site whilst causing no harm to the special architectural or historic interest of the designated heritage asset.

Conclusion

Having regard to the statutory duty under Sections 16 and 66 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990, it is considered that the proposed window and door replacement works,

together with the minor associated alterations, would preserve the significance of the Grade II listed Purbrook Park School and its setting.

The proposed works relate solely to later school buildings of limited heritage significance and would not result in the loss of historic fabric associated with the listed building. The colour finish of the windows / doors would be to match the existing which comprise white and oxford blue.

The proposals would result in no harm to the significance of the designated heritage asset and would preserve both the special architectural and historic interest of the Grade II listed building and its setting. Accordingly, no objection is raised on heritage grounds.

No heritage-specific conditions are recommended as the submitted drawings provide sufficient detail regarding the proposed replacement windows and doors to enable a full assessment of the heritage impacts of the scheme, and no further information is required to make the development acceptable in heritage terms.

NO OBJECTION