



HORSA HUT TOILET REFURBISHMENT

Kings Cliffe Endowed School

Design & Access Statement

AMOUNT

The application is for the removal of an internal brick partition wall to make space for new toilet cubicles and sanitary fittings in the HORSA Hut.

LAYOUT

See drawing number 10.09/01 showing the layout of three toilet cubicles and two hand basins.

LISTED BUILDING

Kings Cliffe Endowed School is located within the Kings Cliffe Conservation Area which is subject to an Article 4(1) Direction. The school buildings are Listed Grade II.

The earliest parts of the school building are 17th century and were originally a house. The house on becoming a school in 1873, was extensively altered. It was extended in 1881.

The HORSA Hut was probably erected in 1947 is a separate building to the east of the main buildings but deemed to be within the cartilage. HORSA Huts were designed as prefabricated single storey structures to accommodate increased numbers of pupils following the Education Act of 1944 which raised the school leaving age.

The acronym HORSA is "Hutting Operation for Raising of the School-leaving Age".

As the building predates 1 July 1948, Listed Building Consent is required for any alterations.

INCLUSIVE ACCESS

Due to lack of space, no provision is made for toilet facilities for disabled people as part of the refurbishment. There is an accessible toilet facility in the main school building.

Impact & Justification

The architectural merit of the HORSA Hut is negligible. It is poorly insulated and has an asbestos cement sheet roof. The historical significance of this type of building would not make it worthy of retention to the majority of people.

The building however provides essential teaching and library facilities for the school and as there are no funds for a new building, these facilities must be maintained and improved for the benefit of the children.

The existing children's toilet facility comprises two toilets which are cramped and a basin which has cold water only. It is proposed to replace these with larger toilet cubicles and an additional WC and basin. Hot water will be provided to the new basins.

In order to provide these facilities a single brick thick partition will be removed.

There is no alteration to the exterior of the building and the internal alteration is minor with no adverse impact on the character of the 1940's prefab.

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