

COWLEY ACADEMY

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To whom it may concern

RE: Thomas Cowley High School, School Lane, Donington, Spalding PE11 4TF Window Replacement Works (Phase 2) – Planning Application for Listed Building Consent

I write in support of the above proposed Window Replacement Works (Phase 2). The works propose to replace the existing life expired and beyond economical repair, non-original metal and timber windows to the Grade II Listed Old School Building (List Entry Number 1064457).

At present the condition of the windows to the above building is causing ongoing damage to the original building fabric, whilst having a detrimental effect on the teaching accommodation and quality of teaching as a result of the condition and low energy efficiency of the single glazed windows. The replacement of the non-original defective metal and timber windows is now urgently required. Please refer to the Charles Garth Chartered Surveyors & Property Consultants Window Condition Survey Report appended to this application for further details of the condition of the non-original metal and timber windows.

In June 2022, the Thomas Cowley High School were awarded grant funding via the governments Condition Improvement Funding Scheme to replace the non-original metal and timber windows in the Grade II Listed Old School Building. The funding was granted on the basis that the windows would be replaced with cost-effective, aluminium double glazed units, which would provide value for money for the academy in both installation, and future maintenance and energy costs.

Without this funding, the trust would not be in the financial position to replace the defected windows and would likely have to keep repairing the existing life expired metal and timber windows on an adhoc basis. This would not only result in further degradation of the Grade II Listed Old School Building and original materials but cause considerable disruption to teaching.

Whilst the academy appreciates the historical importance of the Grade II Listed Old School Building, we strongly believe that the proposed aluminium windows that are to be installed within the building will cause no harm to the significance of this listed building. The trust has worked closely with consultants and manufacturers to ensure the proposed aluminium windows have been carefully designed to visually replicate the existing windows in the building and be installed into the existing apertures without causing damage to the building's fabric.

I look forward to hearing from you.



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