Online Comment

Application	H04-0658-23
Location	THOMAS COWLEY HIGH SCHOOL SCHOOL LANE DONINGTON PE11 4TF
Proposal	Replacement windows and doors

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For/Against	Comments

The application involves alterations to The Old School Building which is a grade II listed asset. The school was founded in 1719 and partly rebuilt after a fire in 1812 and has 19th and 20th century alterations. The applicant's heritage statement shows that '- much of the exterior fabric seen today is surviving from the early to mid-19th century with little major physical change from the original design and external layout, thus providing significant visual evidence as to the historical development of both the school and Donington more broadly.' The windows form part of the evidence for the building's historical development and are included within the listing description.
While it is accepted that there may be a need for replacement, removing the existing windows and replacing with new materials and alteration to the design represents a change to the historic fabric. If permission is granted then it is recommended that this change to the historic fabric is documented. This should be secured by the use of the following condition, adapted from the SHDC standard AR04 wording.
Prior to commencement of the development hereby approved, a photographic record of the historic features affected by the proposed development prior to any alteration shall be carried out which contains:
1. A general view or views of the features in relation to the building as a whole.
2. Detailed images of the features themselves, both external and internal.
3. Any external or internal detail, structural, decorative, which will be removed/altered.
4. Any fixtures and fittings affected.
5. Plans and/or elevations to show the location and direction of the photography.
6. Elevations showing the proposed changes.
This photographic building recording should also contain a written account which provides the precise location of the property as an address and in the form of a National Grid Reference, A note of any statutory designations, the date of recording with the name(s) of the recorder(s) and the location of any archive material. It should also contain a brief written description of the historic fabric to be affected and its significance to the building.
No development shall take place until the report has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority and submitted to the Lincolnshire County Council Historic Environment Record for archiving.
Reason: To ensure that the heritage significance of the property is properly recorded in its undeveloped state.
This condition is imposed in accordance with Section 16 of the National Planning Policy Framework.

'Local planning authorities should require developers to record and advance understanding of the significance of any heritage assets to be lost (wholly or in part) in a manner proportionate to their importance and the impact, and to make this evidence (and any archive generated) publicly accessible.' NPPF 2021, para 205.