



Highgate School, North Rd, N6 4AY

Design and Access Statement

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1. INTRODUCTION

Clayton Surveying Ltd were appointed by Quadra Claims Services to provide surveying support following an insurance claim by Highgate School concerning damage to the boundary wall and railings following a vehicle impact that occurred in July 2022.

2. DESCRIPTION

Highgate School is a Grade 2 listed building positioned in the centre of Highgate. The prominent school house and chapel buildings were constructed in 1867, with the origins of the school dating back to 1565.

The school house and chapel are served by a vehicular entrance immediately off the roundabout at the junction of North Road and Hampstead Lane. The gates are generally kept closed for safeguarding reasons, and there is an intercom affixed to the gates from which users can contact the school reception.

The boundary in question is shown below prior to the vehicle impact.



001 – Boundary railings prior to the impact damage

The application for listed building consent is necessary due to the extent of work that is required to repair the railings and masonry wall. The grade 2 listed status of the building extends to the boundaries, as such although the work proposed is a like-for-like repair, an application for listed building consent is required.

3. DESIGN CONSIDERATIONS

It is proposed to reinstate the railings and boundary wall back into its pre-loss condition, using the same materials as were originally in place.

The metal railings have been 3D laser scanned to ensure all replacement parts can be cast using new grey iron to exactly match the original elements. The masonry wall and coping stones are to be rebuilt to the exact dimensions as were originally present, ready to receive the replacement section of railings.

The wall is to be pointed using a hydraulic lime in the same colour and profile as the remaining sections of the wall.

Once complete, the railings will be painted with corrosion inhibitor followed by a primer coat and two further coats of quality metal paint, all colours to match existing, including the gold detailing atop the scrolls and finials.

4. ACCESS CONSIDERATIONS

The proposed repairs are intended to provide a like-for-like reinstatement of heritage assets damaged by a vehicle impact.

There are no proposed changes to the access or usage of the area served by the gates.

The boundary wall, railings and gates serve as a safeguarding measure for the school, as they have done for over 120 years. There are no changes to this arrangement associated with this application.