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Dear Karen,

St John's Church Hall, Hayfield – Refurbishment for new nursery

Thank you for your very comprehensive email, the comments of the conservation officer and related cases.
We have now made a listed building application for this proposed upgrade for the continued use of the building as a nursery.
I accept your description except for the final six words which I would like to read 'facilitate the continued use of the site as a nursery'.

The building is a school and has been used as a nursery for many years and it is therefore not a new or change of use.

I can confirm that the works include:

- A small glass canopy over the new widened entrance, this being a single sheet of curved glass on simple brackets.

- To facilitate the use of the existing upper level spaces we have introduced a few velux roof windows to give light and ventilation. This should reduce the need for artificial lighting and ventilation during daylight hours.

- The playhouse, hexagonal cabin and the two wooden sheds are all prefabricated (bolted together) buildings, the overall sizes are shown on drawing No 3075-12D. These buildings all have their own floors and only require ground bearing slabs (concrete flag stones) at their corners, for support.

- The wooden decking will be of the standard grooved boarding which is fixed to supports that again rest on ground bearing supports that make this item loose and easily removed in the future.

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- Railings and fencing is all detailed on drawing No3075-12D.

- The ramp/sloping path is now also shown in section on drawing 12D and the height of the adjacent wall is also shown. As stated on the drawing the path X-Y-Z is a path and not a ramp as its incline is less than 1:20. V-W & W-X is though a ramp and will require a hand rail. This will be a 50mm diameter tube fixed with hand rail brackets to the building and will be painted black. The ramp to the new personal car park gate will also have a similar hand rail fixed to the wall.

- The finishes are fairly self explanatory. Grass, bark chipping (on tarran, matting), decking are what they are. The hard play surface is to be rubber tarmac (or similar.) This is a child friendly surface that is fully porous so there is no requirement for any surface drainage. The side flagged paths are in the stoned area so with side fall on the flags on to the stones, drainage is not required.

- The new boundary wall as shown on the site plan 02A is in stone form point A to B and then to C. Due to the pinch point between the two buildings railings have been used from C to D. The existing gates at DE and FG are to be built up with stone work to match the existing adjacent walls. Part of the wall to the south of the church needs maintenance. The heights of these walls are shown on drawing 3075-12D.

- I regret the reference to SMBC and the relevant amendment to the D&A statement has been made. (This also applies to the Heritage Statement that has also been revised.)

I hope this statement and the enclosed revised drawings/statements cover all the necessary points. If you require anything further please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards

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