

NUNNYKIRK HALL
ENCLOSURE 8.1

THE PROPOSED WORKS

Nunnykirk Hall
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The proposed works are presented below and illustrated on the following plans for each floor of the property. The rooms have been numbered on the floor plans for reference, with the service wing of the property designated with a 'W' in front of the number to differentiate those rooms from the main house.

The removal of relatively recent C20 additions are highlighted in red, together with any proposed additions (e.g., fire doors), and notes accompany the floor plans.

Main House

The 'Main House' comprises of three (3) floors, and the original shape and size of the rooms have not been changed since the remodelling of the property in 1825 by John Dobson, which was commissioned by William Orde. Where rooms have been modified, these are late C20 additions, such as partition walls, and communal toilets and showers, that were added whilst the property was let as an independent private residential school from 1977 through to 2022. Thankfully, these C20 additions are limited throughout the property. For instance, on the 'Ground Floor' of the main house, only one room, in terms of its original size and shape, has been altered, and that is the 'Cedar Room' (9; see Enclosure 8.3 and 8.4); with a flimsy "makeshift" partial partition wall that does not reach the ceiling added to create a corridor to a relatively small toilet. This was clearly added so that anyone using the toilet did not disturb pupils in the Cedar Room classroom. As proposed on Enclosure 8.4, this minor partition wall will be removed to reinstate the Cedar Room to its original shape and thus exposing the continuity of the corncicing that continues around the room.

On the 'First Floor' of the main house, the only minor proposed works are to the current bathrooms and toilets in Rooms 12 to 15 (see Enclosures 8.5 and 8.6), which currently contain showers, wash hand basins, and urinals. These, together with some of the modern partition walls, will be removed, and the existing water feeds, waste and soil pipes will be used to introduce new bathroom suites and toilets, as shown on Enclosure 8.6. Minimal changes are proposed in an existing bathroom in Room 25 to create an en suite for the 'Master Bedroom' (Room 24; see Enclosure 8.6).

On the 'Second Floor' of the main house, no alterations to the current configuration of the rooms are required. The only minor works proposed is to add a bathroom suite to Room 30 (see Enclosure 8.8), utilising the existing water feeds, waste and soil pipes. This room sits directly above Room 25.

No other proposed works are required with regards to its current internal layout, which is somewhat remarkable for a property of this age and its use over recent years as a residential boarding school.

No changes are proposed to the basement of the main house.