

**Heritage Statement & Design and Access Statement**  
**for**  
**Alterations at Connaught School- Carpenters Workshop**  
**9-11 Connaught Road, Hove, BN3 3WB**  
**In Relations to Full Planning & Listed Building Consent**

**Introduction**

This statement is written to comply with the National Planning Policy Framework July 2021 (NPPF) which requires applicants to describe the significance of any heritage assets affected by alterations.

Brighton & Hove City Council Heritage Statement Information Requirement Table has been checked and it has confirmed that The Heritage Statement only is required. This is due to the proposal involving a modest level of change, as identified in the table, relevant to this application: -

- Replacement windows
- Minor internal alterations

Consultation of HER has been deemed not necessary as the site and proposals do not fall into the following cases:-

- The site is within an Archaeological Notification Area and the proposal involves any level of below ground excavation (e.g. for foundations)
- The site is particularly complicated, e.g. where there are a number of phases of historic development or where there are many different buildings or features on a site
- Where you are unsure what heritage assets are affected

**Connaught School – Heritage Asset**

Connaught Road School was constructed in 1884 with the Carpenters Workshop added in 1903. Both have been grade II listed since 2009. It lies within Connaught Road Conservation Area.

The interest externally is due to its group value with the main school building.

No internal features are listed. The floor plan over time has been adjusted to create a modern school layout.

The modern extension to the south of the workshop is of no special interest.

The full listing has been included within the application documents.

The site does not fall within a Local Archaeological Notification Area.

**The Proposal**

The application is for listed building consent to carry out internal alterations and minor external alterations.

The proposed works are largely internal with no plans to remove any original features. The main internal alterations involve creating new rooms by construction of timber stud walls to provide a new reception lobby and office; new children's toilet on the first floor; new accessible toilet on the ground floor.

Further details are listed below: -

- Ground floor kitchen will be converted into staffroom.
- Original metal, single glazed windows will be replaced with new PVCu, double glazed windows. Including partially blocking up one window to the south elevation.
- Existing children height sinks will be removed and replaced with adult height sinks.
- New children's wash trough to be included in several activity areas.
- Removal of modern fitted furniture to enable works above.
- External fences to the west side of the building, both security wire mesh, with matching gates and low-level timber pale fencing.
- Soft surfacing laid over existing tarmac and to replace existing paving slabs and artificial grass in the secret garden.
- New play equipment.

### **Access**

Access arrangements are not affected by the proposed alterations.

Existing doors to the west elevation will be used to provide the main level entrance for both children and visitors.

### **Conclusion**

There are no plans to remove any original features and therefore the proposed alterations are deemed to be compatible with the preservation of the listed building.