

PROPOSED AWNING  
PARK GROVE PRIMARY ACADEMY, YORK  
**2023323 – DESIGN, ACCESS AND HISTORIC IMPACT  
STATEMENT**

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## Introduction

This Design and access statement has been prepared for the support of a **listed building consent** for the installation of An awning

## Property

Park Grove Primary Academy  
Park Grove,  
York YO31 8LG

## Significance

The school is listed:  
SE6052NE PARK GROVE 1112-1/9/822 (South West side) 24/06/83 Park Grove School (Formerly Listed as: PARK GROVE Main building at Park Grove School)



## Existing Buildings Overview

Board School, now County Primary School and local education offices. 1895. By WH Brierley. MATERIALS: brown brick in English bond on chamfered brick plinth; dressings of plain and moulded orange brick: slate roofs, some hipped, half hexagonal over bay windows, with stone coping and kneelers, brick stacks and lead finials.

Ornate cast-iron tie rod ends. Tall centre range has two half hipped dormers with sprocketed roofs and tapering finials on each side. All windows except where indicated otherwise have chamfered brick quoined surrounds with hollow chamfered flat arches of rubbed brick.

EXTERIOR: entrance front to Dudley Street: gabled front of 4 storeys and attic, set back between 3-storey projecting crosswings; square towers rise from junctions of gable and crosswings, left one truncated, right one tall campanile-like chimney with stone cornice and louvred octagonal lantern surmounted by tapering brick stack. On ground floor, gabled front has a 3-light windows of 2 tiers of 6-pane casements beneath moulded stone cornices, separated by gabled buttress. Upper window is of 3 pairs of similar lights in 4 tiers with moulded stone sill, set in round brick arch of 3 orders.

In gable apex is 2-light attic window in stone quoined surround flanked by two squat gabled buttresses rising from sloped attic band.

Each wing has a full-height canted bay on outer side of part-glazed double doors approached by flights of steps: beside doors, and above, are paired 2-light windows.

In canted bays on each floor windows are single lights with stone sills, some renewed, and sill bands and cornices of moulded brick. First floor window cornice is continued as moulded sillstring to windows above doors, and across wing returns. Inner return of each wing has shallow pent-roofed porch with moulded cornice on carved brackets over board double doors.

Fenestration is scattered, generally 6-pane casements, some of 4 panes, of 1, 2 or 3 lights with stone sills, some renewed, over moulded brick strings. Opposite end repeats entrance front. Park Grove front: main range of 2 tall storeys, 15 bays; at right end, 2-storey external boiler house masks outer return of wing; at left end, outer return of wing has external stack, corbelled out. First floor of main range articulated by pilasters with moulded capitals, on high pedestals rising from moulded first floor band, and supporting moulded eaves cornice.

Windows on both floors are 18-pane sashes in brick quoined surrounds with cambered heads and arches on ground floor, flat arches on first floor. Pilasters continue over both returns of main range flanking paired 12-pane sashes, similarly detailed.

All windows have stone sills, some renewed, and moulded brick sillstrings. Opposite side facing Lowther Street to south-west repeats this front with addition of 1-storey outbuilding behind ramped up wall masking outer return of wing to north-west.

INTERIOR: not fully inspected but appears little altered.

## Proposals

Schools are required to have an amount of covered play area. The proposed awning will cover a small area of the external play ground to facilitate this need (5.5m x 4m)

The proposal is to have a minimal impact (flat extending) awning in a natural green colour that will harmonize with the planting.

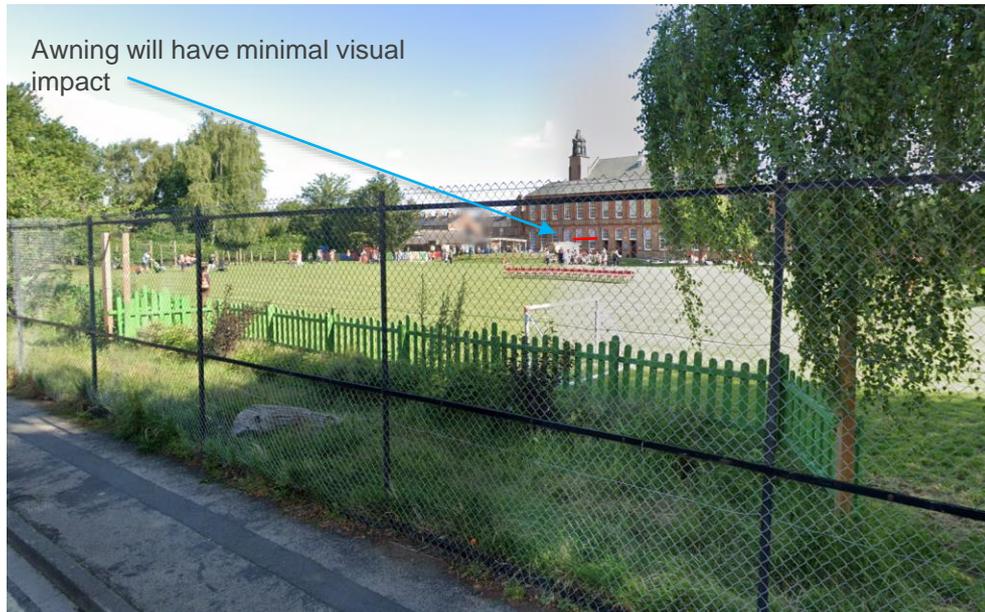
The awning will fix to the main wall. It is a lightweight structure and so needs minimal invasive works / Fixings.

### Impact on Historic Building

The awning will be fixed to the southern elevation as shown on the drawings (and image right). The southern elevation is not the primary elevation but is visible from public vantage points.

The awning relative to the façade is small in scale, and will be finished in a natural green colour that will blend with the landscape. Lowther street is round 70m from the building façade.

An awning is a historic method of shade / protection and so will not look inappropriate in the street view, or detrimentally impact the historic building fabric. The slim line frame will only require 5 x bolt fixings into the wall. If the awnings were removed, the holes could be infilled with coloured mortar to match. Lowther street has planting / screening along its length.



View looking north from Lowther Street



The awning will be partially hidden/ screened by the existing play ground equipment and therefore have minimal visual intrusion.