

# King's College School, Cambridge

## New Dining Hall and Remodelling of Associated Spaces

### DESIGN & ACCESS STATEMENT

*This document should be read in conjunction with the scheme as approved under LPA reference 23/04539/FUL*

#### Introduction

1. This application proposal relates to the development of a Dining Hall to the rear of Kings College School.
2. This Design and Access Statement supports a Non-Material Amendment to the approved scheme.
3. The School is a coeducational independent preparatory School for children aged 4 to 13, situated on West Road off Grange Road, west of the city centre. It was founded to educate the choristers in the King's College Choir during the 15th century.
4. Although no longer located on College grounds, it remains an integral part of the Chapel's musical tradition.
5. The main access gate is off West Road with an alternative entrance, primarily used by parents, off Grange Rd. The West Road Gates have entrance controls operated via the Reception. The driveway runs north south beside the west boundary adjacent St Chads, the Main Building sits notably behind the sports ground along West Road.
6. Kings College School is not listed nor does it lie in the curtilage of one.
7. *Planning was granted for a New Dining Hall and associated areas, alterations to the ground floor to offer a new entrance and reception area and other ancillary spaces, and remodelling of the first floor providing new dormitories and staff accommodation, along with necessary amenities under application ref. 23/04539/FUL, dated 8 February 2024.*

#### The Proposals

8. In further advancing the technical design it became apparent that the New Dining Hall structure, and specifically the supporting steelwork to the roof assembly, would encroach on valuable floor to ceiling height.
9. It is therefore proposed to reclaim the loss of headroom as much as possible by raising the ceiling height by 300mm.
10. This results in an additional 4no brick courses on the rear elevation, between head of door and parapet, refer to drwg. no. KCS-AMA-DR-A-02-100.

11. No further changes are proposed.
12. The proposed amendment does not impact the street scene/principal elevation, nor the views from the surrounding buildings and it is a minor amendment to the approved plans.

**Conclusion**

13. A careful and considered approach to this minor change regard design, scale, and mass has allowed the proposals to be assembled that responds to the features of the site, which importantly retain key characteristics of the existing building.