



HERITAGE STATEMENT

Summerseat Methodist Primary School
Rowlands Road
Bury
Lancashire
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For



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EDUCATION TRUST

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SUMMERSEAT METHODIST PRIMARY SCHOOL
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1. Introduction

Summerseat Methodist Primary School is a mixed-gender primary school located in Bury, Lancashire, England. It is located in a rural setting on Rowlands Road, and caters for students aged 4-11.

The school was founded in 1840, with the present building being opened in 1863 by the Methodist mill owner, John Robinson Kay. The school originally served the children of the mill working community

The school is adjacent to Summerseat Methodist Church, built in 2004 to replace the former church building which was demolished 30 years earlier. The church features a high stone frontage and a stained-glass window featuring a cross design.

The Brooksbottoms and Rowlands Conservation Area lies to the west of the Village of Summerseat, 2 ½ mile north of central Bury within and around a widening of the Irwell valley. The special interest associated with the Summerseat Conservation Area arises from two distinct character areas, the first of which being the older part of the settlement containing a mixture of eighteenth and nineteenth century stone terraces and detached buildings, and the later a development from the cotton industry, made up of small rows of terrace houses.

The conservation areas physical character comes from its close relationship with the River Irwell which has served as an invaluable source of water and power to the village as well as shaping the development of the settlement.

2. Brooksbottoms and Rowlands Conservation Area



Map of Brooksbottoms-Rowlands indicating the location of the Conservation Area.

3. Property Description

3.1. Summerseat Methodist Primary School

The existing school building was opened in 1863 and is situated in the central Rowlands section of the Brooksbottoms and Rowlands Conservation Area, off Rowlands Road.

The Primary School building was built in the old sandstone quarry next to the chapel and consisted of a large central room with a transverse wing across each end and was lit by large windows set high up to avoid distraction, with a reasonably sized playground.

3.2. Other Listed Buildings Within the Curtilage

3.3.2. Former Railway Goods Shed

Heritage Category: Listed Building

Grade: II

List Entry Number: 1392323

Date First Listed: 27-Nov-2007

Statutory Address: Former Railway Goods Shed, Rowlands Road

3.3.3. Peel Hall

Heritage Category: Listed Building

Grade: II

Listed Entry Number: 1163712

Date First Listed: 09-Aug-1966

Statutory Address: Peel Hall, Newcombe Road

3.3.4. Brooksbottom Mill

Heritage Category: Listed Building

Grade: II

List Entry Number: 1356822

Date First Listed: 30-Jul-1979

Statutory Address: Waterside Road, Summerseat, Bury

3.3.5. Summerseat House

Heritage Category: Listed Building

Grade: II

List Entry Number: 1067246

Date First Listed: 29-Jan-1985

Statutory Address: Summerseat House, Newcombe Road

4. Assessment of Significance

The school building is an important building within the Summerseat setting for both its occupiers and the local community. The buildings owners fully understand the importance and significance of the building.

The proposal to remove and replace the current external windows will allow the building to continue its use as an educational facility and improve the experience of the staff and students with much improved heat retention and ventilation.

5. Design Principles & Appearance

The proposed works include:

- a) To remove and dispose of all windows as required.

- b) In line with Building Regulations 2010, Approved Document Part F - Ventilation and BB101. Opening casements are to be designed so that they achieve an air exchange rate of 2.3 l/s/m² or 8 l/s/person whichever is the greater, when occupied.
- c) Provide and install aluminium window system as per the supplied manufacturers specification and in full accordance with their specification, details and recommendations. Slim Line System.
- d) Outer pane – 6.8mm laminated SKN176 with dual solar control and low e – will hold secure if broken as laminated for better security as well. 16mm silver spacer filled minimum 90% argon. Inner pane – 6mm toughened 70/37 SKN 176, this must provide 1.0W/m²
- e) Double glazing: 1.4 W/m²K (Uw depending on the frame/ vent combination and glass unit specification).
- f) Fixings must ensure the window is retained securely within the opening without damage or distortion to the window frame. Generally, fasteners should be positioned 150 mm from each corner and each mullion/ transom, and at centres not exceeding 600 mm.
- g) For the 4no tracery style windows an alternative product is to be used; that being a specially designed style of double glazing which accommodates the different shapes of each light. Touchstone Glazing provide a product named Insulead® which ensures acceptable thermal efficiency whilst keeping the buildings original look and style.

All works are to be carried out in accordance with the drawing details as provided.

6. Impact of the Proposal

The proposal will have an impact on the external appearance of the building; however, this impact will be minimal. The proposed window system incorporates slim frames, in keeping with the current windows.

The building currently features out-of-place gloss white windows, which stand out against the building, thus the proposed replacement windows are intended to be much more sympathetic and in-keeping with the style of the building. A more discreet colour 'RAL 7039 has been proposed.

Additionally, the school building is set back 40m from Rowlands Road, with only the front elevation being visible from the street, meaning the aesthetic impact of the proposal is minimal.

Summerseat Methodist Primary School is only used during normal access hours, with the only other interaction coming from the adjacent Church.

7. Design and Access Statement

The works proposed within this application do not relate to access routes in or around the building. For this reason, we do not consider a Design and Access Statement to be necessary to judge this application. If you feel a Design and Access Statement is required, please contact the Agent.