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St Giles School, Cheadle

Grade II Listed Building. The building is attributed to AW Pugin and forms part of an important group of Pugin buildings in Cheadle. The internal form, layout and details are part of the building's significance.

Alterations are proposed to the first floor of the original building to reconfigure the circulation and teaching space:

- Form a new opening into the main classrooms from the top of the stairs: This will cause some harm to the historic significance of the building due to altering the historic plan form. However, I acknowledge that this opening is essential for safe and efficient circulation within the building. The harm will be slight and there is a clear public benefit.
- Blocking up the existing doorway into the main classroom: The entry point retains its original timber doorway lining and there is evidence of where a door was previously fitted. I therefore have no objection to the blocking of this doorway but this should be by means of refitting a Pugin-style door and locking it, not the stud partition as proposed. I have already discussed this with the headteacher and she is happy with this approach.
- Repositioning of the remains of a glazed screen: No objection to this but we need to agree exactly where this will be located on the wall (proximity to the windows and truss) and its detailing. I discussed with the headteacher replicating the glazed screen on the far side so that the full proportions of the original room can be appreciated and to respect the historic divisions. Also, we need to agree to what happens to the remains of the old screen – is this historic and to be retained or is this a relatively modern position and it would be beneficial to remove it in its entirety so that that room can be returned to its original proportions?

Further details required either by condition or prior to determination:

- Details of new door and fitting to blocked opening between proposed group room and office. I've attached a photo of a door from the headmasters house at Cotton School which is a Pugin design and will complement the door lining.
- Method statement for creating new doorway in the stone walling
- Details of location of new screen running the full width of the classroom (probably equidistant between the window and truss).
- Design of the new screen – to mirror the historic section
- Agreement regarding the remains of the old screen location (retain frame if historic or fully to remove fully if not)
- Any new external pipes or ventilation ducts for refurbished toilets.

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