



**DESIGN AND ACCESS STATEMENT**

**FOR**

**REPLACEMENT FOOTPATH**

**AT**

**Hempnall Primary School  
The Street  
Hempnall  
Norwich  
NR15 2AD**

**INTRODUCTION:**

This design and access statement accompanies a planning application to Norfolk County Council regarding a proposal at Hempnall Primary School, The Street, Hempnall, Norwich, NR15 2AD.

**SITE ASSESSMENT:**

The application site is located on the residential road known as The Street which is located in the village of Hempnall.

The application site is in a Conservation Area.

The site forms part of the premises used as the Local Primary School which benefits from a new extension and facilities.

There is an existing footpath to the School which is limited due to the steep gradient.

**EVALUATION:**

Due to the limiting nature of the existing footpath there is a need for a safer pedestrian access and therefore we have considered the character of the conservation area and the existing screen planting together with the impact any proposal would have on the existing amenity.

**PROPOSAL:**

It is proposed to remove the existing footpath and brick planters and construct a new footpath to provide a safer pedestrian access to and from the school. The new route would flow around the area of land fronting the school and provide an opportunity to access the premises at a reduced gradient comprising of four sections having a fall of 1:20 with associated level landing areas.

**AMOUNT:**

The present site has an asphalt path with three brick planters to the side these would all be removed and this area reverted back to landscaped grass with the new path benefiting from a permeable surface the overall concept should benefit the quality of the facility and enhance the general conservation area.

**USE:**

The proposal is to provide a safer pedestrian access, while maintain the character of the conservation area, with low level lighting designed to avoid light pollution.

**LANDSCAPING:**

As the site already exists and is laid to grass with perimeter planting, the proposed works would maintain the natural style and character of this area.

**ACCESS:**

The site has a new vehicular access but presently the existing footpath access could be improved to make it safer and aid pedestrian movements to and from the building.

**CONCLUSION:**

Taking into consideration all the above we believe the development accords with the Local Authority's development criteria and should be supported in this instance.



View of existing path and existing metal hooped railings



View of boundary screening to be retained