



**RELOCATION OF A TIMBER BUILDING
MERCERS FIELD DAUNTSEY'S SCHOOL**



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DAUNTSEY'S SCHOOL

The school is an independent co-educational Day and Boarding School for ages 11-18. The school was originally founded in 1542 moving to its current 150acre site in West Lavington in 1895.

SITE AND CONTEXT

Mercers Field is located on the west side of the school campus, comprising sport pitches and a fitness trail with areas of landscape planting and Woodland boundary buffer zones.

The site does not fall into any Statutory Landscape Designated Zones. It falls outside the West Lavington Conservation area.

THE PROPOSAL

This is a full planning application for the relocation of a timber building on the Mercers Playing Field. The building was original sites under application 21/01327/FUL on the North West boundary of the Field.

Its intended use was as an Apiary including an area for Hives, observation and indoor teaching spaces. The school are no longer offering this as a module so the facility has become redundant.

The proposal is to relocate the building to the east adjacent to the cricket pitch and carpark where there is a need for a Cricket Pavilion. The building will be used to provide scoring, equipment storage and covered viewing area. The existing form of the building will remain as existing.

ECOLOGY

Herwick Ecology have undertaken a Preliminary Ecological Appraisal and Biodiversity Net Gain Assessment. A copy of their report accompanies this application.

ACCESS AND PARKING

Access to the property is from the existing footpaths and sports field.

CONCLUSION

The proposed building's location against the backdrop of a belt of established planting results in limited visual impact. The reuse of an existing building significantly reduces the carbon foot print of the new facility. In conclusion the proposal will have result in no negative impact and provide an must needed facility.