



Notton House Academy

Design and Access Statement

Proposed Parking

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1. Site Introduction

Notton House Academy is a residential academy for boys aged 8–19, with approximately 50 students on roll and situated in leafy Wiltshire. They deliver both education and care to a wide range of young people with Special Educational Needs and Disability (SEND). This includes Social, Emotional, and Mental Health needs (SEMH), Speech, Language, and Communication needs (SLCN), and Autistic Spectrum Condition (ASC). The residential aspect of the school enables students access to an extensive range of extracurricular experiences, stability and time to build confidence and skills in a supportive and nurturing environment.

As an Academy, they offer a bespoke, aspirational, residential educational experience to our young people, their families and carers. They value each individual and tailor the curriculum in order to inspire them to achieve their full potential. The staff have high expectations for learning and social emotional development. Their aim is to prepare each young person for their next steps, whether this be returning to mainstream education, college, or the world of work.

The school provides fantastic opportunities for young people to access a wide range of accreditation courses including Entry Level to GCSE and BTEC. At the age of 16 to 19, they offer individualised bridging programmes mostly based in local communities geared towards Further Education, work experience, and independence; this is imperative to their needs for starting out as young adults. The school supports residential accommodation within the grounds and care for the pupils, all located within the school buildings on site. In addition, the school provides day places and short-term residential places as part of tailor made educational packages. The four categories are KS2, KS3, KS4, and KS5. Key Stages are set out for the progression of a child and young adults' education.

Our initial site notes were compiled during a meeting with Ben Reysenn, Health, Safety, and Compliance Lead, and SEND/ AP Hub Manager for Midsomer Norton Schools Partnership. Notton House Academy is within this partnership. I also met with a number of staff, and Michelle Reysenn, Headteacher at Notton House Academy. Points raised were as follows;

1. Complaints raised by the local residents regarding parking throughout the day and pick up / drop off alongside taxis queuing.
2. On the 27th November 25 there was an incident where a fire engine was unable to pass due to cars parked on both sides of the road.
3. School bus trips have been cancelled on more than one occasion because it has been unsafe to navigate the mini buses out of the gates due to excessive parking near and around the entrance of the school.

4. The school owns transport minibuses, SUVs, and small cars used for field trips, outings or planned trips, are not in constant use and could free valuable space if relocated.
5. Children and parents safety is paramount to the school's identity and too many concerns have been raised around the interaction of vehicles and pedestrians, even though Health and Safety plans have been implemented.
6. The school has 84 staff of which some do car share, and approximately 50% drive; due to its remote location it's difficult to cycle, walk or bus and arrive on time.

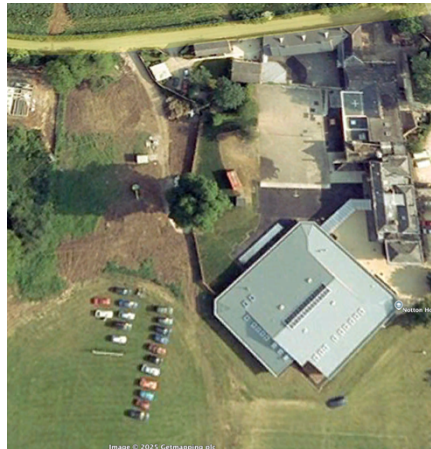
Access

Notton House Academy is easily accessible and local to the areas of Chippenham, Melksham, Calne, and Corsham. The well-known village of Lacock neighbours Notton itself and is linked by the A350. From the A350, the exit Notton Park Road leads to the main gate for the school entrance and residents along this road.

Notton House benefits from on and off street parking which surround the west, north, and small section of the east elevation within the grounds of the school, externally on the road, parking is available, however uncontrolled, and the road is not in good condition with excessive puddles, what appears to be surface water pooling across the pavement and road in wetter weather, debris from the large trees and generally muddy under foot. On the three occasions visiting the school, it has been very noticeable how wet the road gets and choice parking is limited.

Notton House had previously built new classrooms and sports hall block to the rear of Notton House main building, which was approved in 2004 under application - [N/04/00122/FUL](#) Notton House Special School , Notton, Lacock, Chippenham, Wiltshire, SN15 2NF ERECTION OF SPORTS HALL, CLASSROOMS AND ASSOCIATED DEVELOPMENT 16/01/2004.

When this building was erected, an existing rear entrance to the rear playing fields was reformed into an access for the development of the sports and classrooms building to reduce the disruption at the school's entrance. The surface of this access is clearly identifiable visually by the long straight flat section of ground heading towards and up to the building also identified on google earth 2006.



2. The Proposal

Notton House Academy has identified that, by relocating the vehicles that are used less frequently, i.e. school transport, to allow for the safer access of staff, parents and children, on a daily basis, reduce the impact on the road to the front of the school and lessen the impact on the local residents and services, including emergency services. All will therefore benefit; the health and safety of all who attend the school and its surroundings will be improved.

The proposal integrates the previously formed entrance, which was used in the construction of the sports hall and new classrooms; the design has incorporated the area that was previously disrupted with limited alteration and very little construction. The proposal allows for four smaller cars, two SUV type vehicles and five mini bus vehicles all strategically parked in bays that provide safe and easy access for pupils and staff. Each bay allows suitable access which has been identified as an issue when loading and unloading the pupils in their current locations. Included within the proposed parking area, is a gated entrance and exit separated to eliminate the risk of vehicles meeting on the entrance to the highway, and potentially causing disruption; enough space has been provided to pull off the highway before the gate opens and allow vehicles to pass safely.

The materials used in the proposal are as follow;

1. The surface to the highway will be tarmac to allow safe passage on and off the highway and to prevent loose material pulled on to the highway surface.
2. The surface of the parking and access paths will be a product called X-Grid – Green.

Ground Reinforcement Grid System;

PRODUCT INFORMATION

- Available in Black, White and Green
- Panel Size 330 x 330 x40mm
- 9 Panels = 1 Sqm
- Made from 100% Recycled Plastic
- UK Designed & Manufactured
- 428 tonnes per m² load bearing capacity
- UV & Weather resistant

- Easy to Install Interlocking Panels
 - Max Gradient Of 12%
3. The surrounding fence, 358 anti climb for secure sites
- Typical Applications;
- School Perimeter fencing
 - Car Parks
 - High security applications
- Specifications;
- 4mm diameter wire (horizontal and vertical wires)
 - 2515mm wide panels
 - Heights: 1.2m, 1.8m, 2m, 2.1m, 2.4m, 3m & 5.2m
 - Galvanised wire
 - PPC Coated (Poly powder coated) to RAL Colours
 - 76.2mm x 12.5mm mesh aperture (Horizontal – 3? x 1/2?)
 - Post centres: 2440mm
 - Post 60mm x 60mm to 120mm x 60mm (Dependant on height)
 - Clamp bar: 30mm roll form
- Panel Size;
- 3000mm high x 2515mm wide

Gates to match the fencing will be provided that allow seamless access to and from the carpark, and each gate will have remote access and a good visual exit onto the highway. A drawing has been provided showing that the sight lines are up to forty metres in one direction, and exceed fifty metres in the opposite direction. In addition, and because it is approaching a busy junction and a built up area, an application to reduce the speed limit to 20mph would be welcomed. Drawings have been provided with details of layout and finishes.

The proposal will also take a number of cars from the highway parking and also allow the taxi drop off and collections to be made within the grounds, without the issues of queuing on the road. The impact will be greatly reduced on the highway and safety will be dramatically improved.

3. Planning and LBA History

PL/2021/04440 Notton School Academy 28 Corsham Road Lacock SN15 2NF
Changes to the northern entrance, consisting of increase in the height of the stone wall to 2.4 metres in height with the installation of a 2.4-metre-high cast iron gate attached to 3metre stone piers removal of metal fencing to the east of the entrance 07/05/2021.

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N/98/00507/LBC Notton House Special School Notton Lacock LACOCK EXTENSION TO PROVIDE CLASSROOMS EXTENSION 06/03/1998.

N/98/00506/FUL Notton House Special School Notton Lacock LACOCK EXTENSION TO PROVIDE TWO CLASSROOMS EXTENSION 06/03/1998.

N/90/02524/DOC Notton House School Notton Lacock LACOCK DISCHARGE OF CONDITION NO 2 ONN90/1651/LB - WALLING MATERIALS 11/10/1990.

N/90/02523/DOC Notton House School Notton Lacock LACOCK DISCHARGE OF CONDITION NO 2 ONN90/0232/F - WALLING MATERIALS 11/10/1990.

N/99/00470/LBDC Notton House Special School , Notton, Lacock, Chippenham, Wiltshire, SN15 2NF SUBMISSION OF DETAILS PURSUANT TO CONDITIONS 2(A) 1, 2 AND 3, 3 AND 4 OF N/98/0507/LB - DETAILS OF EXTERNAL JOINERY/MATERIALS AND SAMPLE PANELS OF RENDER 03/03/1999.

N/05/01884/LBC Notton House Special School , Notton, Lacock, Chippenham, Wiltshire, SN15 2NF Alterations to Boundary Wall and Erection of Security Gate 01/08/2005.

N/04/00122/FUL Notton House Special School , Notton, Lacock, Chippenham, Wiltshire, SN15 2NF ERECTION OF SPORTS HALL, CLASSROOMS AND ASSOCIATED DEVELOPMENT 16/01/2004.

N/03/03407/LBC Notton House Special School , Notton, Lacock, Chippenham, Wiltshire, SN15 2NF ERECTION OF SPORTS HALL, CLASSROOMS AND ASSOCIATED DEVELOPMENT; INTERNAL AND EXTERNAL ALTERATIONS ASSOCIATED WITH NON SLEEPING ACCOMMODATION, EXTEND KITCHEN AND OTHER MINOR ALTERATIONS 16/01/2004.

17/05355/LBC Notton House School 28 Notton Lacock Chippenham Wiltshire SN15 2NF Internal alterations including creation of additional bedroom, en-suite bathrooms, updating of existing bathroom facilities and associated works 12/06/2017

4. Justification

Notton House Academy is an important asset to the area and maintains high standards of safety, low impact to the neighbouring properties / dwellings and continuing high standards of education for children who have higher special educational needs. The design has followed each element of the requirements set out by the school's staff and head teacher, while understanding the additional requirements to improve and maintain higher standards of security and safety for each of the pupils and staff.

5. Flood Risk

The school site does not include areas identified by the Environment agency as at risk from flooding. Based on this information, no further assessment is deemed necessary.

6. Summary

Notton House Academy had work carried out in 2005/2006 after gaining planning for the additional sports hall and classrooms, which have been very

successful; the school has improved and built on its successes, educating and assisting in the progression of children and young adults and continuing to strive in a challenging environment. The school's requirements and needs to continue their successes in education and progression is paramount, and the proposal set out has identified, designed and promoted the school's requirements. The design has used the existing access and hard standing areas that have been previously altered and minimal impact to the trees. Any consultation with the council will be welcomed to achieve a positive outcome.