

HERITAGE STATEMENT



Proposed School Canopy

Sutton Veny C of E School

Sutton Veny

Warminster

BA12 7AP

Planning Reference: **PL/2026/04027**

DESIGN, ACCESS & HERITAGE STATEMENT

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1 Introduction

- 1.1 123v LTD have been instructed by The Governors to prepare and present an application for new school Canopy, known as Sutton Veny School, High St, Sutton Veny, Warminster, to add a proposed aluminium canopy to the back of school, with associated works while maintaining the important historical elements of the property.
- 1.2 The property within the Site's redline boundary is Grade II Listed.
- 1.3 This statement has been prepared to understand the Heritage value of the existing property, the design of the existing property and the proposed designs and material choices.
- 1.4 This statement has been commissioned to accompany the planning application for a school canopy and works to Sutton Veny C of E School by The Governors.
- 1.5 To help in determining how Sutton Veny School. can best be adapted, The Governors have already been given planning permission for a previous school canopy, which was granted: Application Reference Number: **PL/2021/06945**.

2 Background/ Planning

2.1 Sutton Veny School is within a listed building to the North of the High St. and at the South-East of the village with the Village Hall to the North of the school within the village of Sutton Veny and is said to date to the late 19th century.

2.2 Details of listing: On 1st July 1986, Sutton Veny County Primary School was listed at grade II.

The following information is extracted from the listing record:

SUTTON VENY HIGH STREET ST 94 SW (east side) 4/232 Sutton Veny County Primary School GV II

Primary school. 1872-3 by J.L. Pearson, additions 1890s and 1974. Dressed limestone, tiled roof, ashlar stacks. 'L'-plan with added rear wings and clock tower. Moulded pointed doorway at base of 3- stage tower with angle buttresses. Two square-headed lancets and string course to second stage, pair of cusped lancets to offset bellstage, gilded clock face in roll-moulded pointed panel, steep gabled roof with gabled bellcote in ashlar, retains bell. Wings to left and right of entrance have 2-light geometric-style windows with hoodmoulds, gable ends have 3-light geometric-style windows, angle buttresses. Rear has 1890s added range with two 3-light geometric-style windows and double gabled roof. Roofs with coped verges and ceramic ridge cresting. Attached to left return are C20 flat-roofed extensions. Attached to rear are well designed 1974 extensions. Interior altered. Listing NGR: ST9021641760

- 2.3 The building is currently set up as a C of E primary school with 163 pupils on role (As of the last Ofsted report)
The building is primarily single storey, and the proposals are designed to improve the circulation around the school with internal alterations whilst adding an appropriately designed contemporary canopy to the main entrance door as a sympathetic addition.
- 2.4 The property is constructed with the following materials
- Walls:
- Coursed rubble with dressed flush quoins and window details
- Roof:
- Plain tiles.
- Windows/ Doors:
- Traditional painted timber doors and windows • PPC Aluminium doors/ windows to later extension.
- Rainwater Goods:
- Cast iron Rainwater goods
 - PPC Aluminium Rainwater goods to later extension

3 Historic Impact

3.1 The proposed works have taken account of the historic nature and previous alterations undertaken and the proposals are designed to alter later additions to the building undertaken in the C20 which have little or no impact on the “original” historic fabric of the building and enhance the way the school is used.

3.2 Previous Canopy's:

An Oak framed canopy with a glazed roof to the principal entrance to the North-West elevation, not done by 123v.

Canopy by 123v Ltd: Roof beams (Design reg. Profile) extruded in structural grade alloy 6082T6 ([BS 1474](#)), **black** powder coated ([BS 6496](#)).

Fascia's extruded in structural grade alloy 6082T6, **black** powder coated.

3kg M² translucent glass reinforced polyester sheeting, with ultraviolet filter (Class 3 fire rating).

There are no changes to the historic C19 fabric of the building.

3.3 The pictures on the following pages show the areas where the works will take place:

1.1 - Locations of proposed Canopy:



Proposals

- 4.1 The proposals have been designed to make the best use of the available playground space that the building has to offer and improve the outside area. The idea is to add a canopy so that children from the school can have a covered space where they can play during the winter or wet days. This space will also be used for out-door activities and learning, for example painting or playing, or a covered outdoor classroom. All while maintaining the important historical elements of the building.
- 4.2 The principal elevation will see the addition of a proposal that is to create a 7.9m long and 5.4m tapering down to 2.7m wide canopy in the playground area attached to the school.
- 4.3 The proposals are shown on drawings:
- Site location plan
 - Existing and Proposed plans and elevations
 - Block Plan
 - Site Plan
- 4.5 Scale and massing of the proposed canopy is in keeping with the building and previous canopy installed by 123v Ltd.

Materials

5.1 The Material choices for the new canopy have been determined to offer a sympathetic addition between the existing listed building and the previous canopy.

5.2 **Materials Specification**

- Roof beams (Design reg. Profile) extruded in structural grade alloy 6082T6 ([BS 1474](#)), **black** powder coated ([BS 6496](#)).
- Fascia's extruded in structural grade alloy 6082T6, **black** powder coated.
- 3kg M² translucent glass reinforced polyester sheeting, with ultraviolet filter (Class 3 fire rating).
- Posts, structural grade aluminium, **black** powder coated.
- **Black** uPVC guttering draining to the surface.
- All Materials specified for dead & imposed loadings ([BS 6399 part3](#)).
- Wall and roof fixings, where required, are by **HILTI** / Raw Bolt Great Britain.

Conclusion

- 6.1 The key drivers of the final design proposal have been the impact on the existing building. As such the proposed design acts as a sympathetic addition to the listed building in terms of design, material choices, and scale and massing.
- 6.2 Privacy and amenity: The proposals have little to no impact in terms of privacy and overbearing impact.
- 6.3 Principle of development: In principle, the development of this site, including the construction of the canopy should be supported by planning policy. Planning policies have been considered during the design process, like the previous canopy by 123v.
- 6.4 Highways and access: The proposals have little to no impact on the requirements from a highway's perspective.
- 6.5 Material selection: The materials have been chosen to respect and reflect the context of the site offering a clear sympathetic addition to the existing listed building like the previous canopy by 123v.
- 6.6 Scale and Massing: The proposed canopy has considered the street scene, and the proposals have a minimum impact.
- 6.7 Summary: Overall the canopy fits the requirements of the brief set by the client, and aims to meet the objectives of the Wiltshire Local Plan and Neighbourhood plan. The proposals will help to improve the school, this canopy will also provide shelter space to the children, and it will help their well-being and health while at the school, giving them a year-round playing and outdoor space.

Site and Proposal

The application relates to Sutton Veny Church of England School, High Street in Sutton Veny, Warminster. It is a Grade II listed school, situated within the Sutton Veny Conservation Area (CA) and is located next door to the Grade I listed Church of St John the Evangelist (List Entry Number: 1036429), set approximately 26 metres to the northwest of the Church.

The site is also located within the Cranborne Chase & West Wiltshire Downs National Landscape.

The statutory listing of the property is as follows:

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This pre-application seeks advice for internal alterations and porch/canopy extension.

Constraints

- The building is Grade II listed under the name Sutton Vent County Primary School (List Entry Number: 1183645)
- The site is located directly adjacent to the Grade I listed church of St John the Evangelist (List entry Number: 1036429)
- The site is located within the Sutton Veny Conservation Area
- The site is located within the Cranborne Chase & West Wiltshire Downs National Landscape
- The site is Located within Flood Zone 1
- There are no Tree Protection Orders on site, but trees are afforded some protection due to the location within a CA
- Unknown ecological constraints

Relevant Planning History

W/03/00492/LAL - One classroom extension linked to main school building plus minor internal alterations to existing building. Approved with Conditions 28th May 2003.

K/09/02623/FUL – Replace all external bulkhead light fittings to various elevations on the school; replace existing soffit to rear walkway, link building between school and the village hall. Approved with Conditions 3rd December 2009.

W/07/01080/LBC - Proposed removal of 2 existing windows to form new doors. Approved 18th May 2007.

W/07/01081/FUL - Proposed removal of 2 existing windows to form new doors. Approved 18th May 2007.

W/06/03061/LBC - Works to roof to include replacement tiles where necessary and fit snow/debris guards. Approve with Conditions 7th December 2006.

W/08/02416/LBC - Internal alteration to provide new doorway. Approved 8th October 2008.

K/99/017127/LAL - Single classroom extension and alterations to existing toilet block. Approved 14th January 2000.

W/97/00060/FUL - Erection of single mobile classroom. Approved with Conditions 24th April 1997.

W/13/00625/LBC - Internal alteration of two toilets to include the installation of a sunpipe natural daylight system. Approved 24th May 2013.

W/99/01726/WCC - Single permanent classroom extension to replace single mobile classroom. Approved with Conditions 21st December 1999.

W/09/01559/LBC - Rewire school including small power, IT and lighting plus replace existing suspended ceilings and asbestos removal works. Approved 15th July 2009.

W/09/00145/FUL - Formation of new doorway to classroom and provision of awning to courtyard. Approved with Conditions 27th February 2009.

W/09/00146/LBC - Formation of new doorway to classroom and provision of awning to courtyard. Approved with Conditions 27th February 2009.

W/11/01568/LBC - Proposed internal alterations to enlarge an existing classroom within the modern structure of the building. Approved with Conditions 29th June 2011.

W/03/00052/WCC – Classroom extension. Withdrawn 4th March 2003.

W/03/00426/WCC – Classroom extension. Approved with Conditions 12th June 2003.

W/09/02489/LALBC - Replace all external bulkhead light fittings to various elevations on the school; replace existing soffit to rear walkway, link building between school and the village hall. Approved with Conditions 16th December 2009.

21/01367/FUL - Upgrade the existing sewage septic tank to a new Treatment plant. Approved with Conditions 17th June 2021.

PL/2021/06945 - Erection of a fixed canopy over an enclosed courtyard in order to provide an outside education and play area for the reception class. Approved with Conditions 6th September 2021.

Relevant Planning Policies

Wiltshire Core Strategy (adopted January 2015):

Core Policy 51 - Landscape

Core Policy 57 - Ensuring High Quality Design & Place Shaping

Core Policy 58 - Ensuring the Conservation of the Historic Environment

The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) 2023

Planning Practice Guidance (PPG)

Sections 16, 66 & 72 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990

Cranborne Chase AONB Management Plan 2019-2024

Impact upon the amenity of occupiers of neighbouring properties

The proposed additional built form would be single storey and very modest in scale, sited away from any shared boundaries. There would therefore be no risk of any adverse overlooking, overshadowing, or overbearing impact arising from the proposed plans.

The proposal would therefore likely be considered acceptable on residential amenity grounds.

Scale, design, and materials

Core Policy 57 of the Wiltshire Core Strategy outlines that 'A high standard of design is required in all new developments, including extensions, alterations, and changes of use of existing buildings. Development is expected to create a strong sense of place through drawing on the local context and being complementary to the locality.' One of the ways in which this is supposed to be achieved is through "responding positively to the existing townscape and landscape features in terms of building layouts, built form, height, mass, scale, building line, plot size, elevational design, materials, streetscape and rooflines to effectively integrate the building into its setting." Core Policy 51 of the WCS requires development to protect, conserve and where possible, enhance landscape character and negative impacts must be mitigated where possible through sensitive design and landscape measures.

The proposed works would be relatively small and would not hugely impact upon the external appearance of the main part of building; this is at the back of building. This elevation is not particularly visible upon the street scene, and the additional built form would be minimal, so it will likely have no visual impact upon the street scene. It is advised that the materials be the same as the previous canopy.

The proposal would therefore likely be considered acceptable as the previous canopy designed by 123v.

Impact upon designated heritage assets

Local Authorities are required by Section 66 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Area) Act 1990 to pay special attention to the desirability of preserving or enhancing the character and appearance of conservation areas and listed buildings, their setting, or any features of special architectural or historic interest possessed respectively when considering development proposals that affect the setting or views into them. This is locally reflected within Core Policy 58.

Significance of assets and contribution of setting:

The NPPF defines significance as the “value of a heritage asset to this and future generations because of its heritage interest. The interest may be archaeological, architectural, artistic or historic. Significance derives not only from a heritage asset’s physical presence, but also from its setting.” Historic England assesses significance in a similar manner, referring to evidential, historic, aesthetic and communal values of a place.

In this case the significance of the building lies largely with its historic fabric and architecture - its form, layout and architectural expression/detailing and use of high-quality design materials which have significant aesthetic and architectural interest, and which contribute to the character of the conservation area. etc

Impact of proposals:

The proposed canopy works would be relatively small and would not hugely impact upon the external appearance of the main part of building; this is at the back of building.

The alterations are minor and constructed of simple design with appropriate materials as the previous canopy, The proposals will have a neutral impact on the main part of the historic building.

Summary: The NPPF confirms that when considering the impact of a proposed development on the significance of a designated heritage asset, great weight should be given to the asset’s conservation (and the more important the asset, the greater the weight should be). It makes clear that any harm to a designated heritage asset requires clear and convincing justification.

The impact of the proposals on heritage assets will be neutral, and the requirements of current conservation legislation, policy or guidance are met, as in the previous canopy.

The proposal 123v feel should be considered acceptable on heritage grounds.

Impact upon the Cranborne Chase & West Wiltshire Downs National Landscape

The proposed extension will be read in context with the existing building and as there will be no encroachment into the open countryside, no harm will be caused to the special qualities of the National Landscape. 123v feel the proposal would therefore likely be considered acceptable in this regard.

Trees: (no trees to be effected)

All trees on site that have a trunk diameter of 7.5cm or more measured at 1.5 metres above ground level would be protected due to their location within a conservation area and would require consent to be removed (if not included as part of a planning application). It is therefore advised that a tree protection plan is provided alongside any planning application for any trees which may be impacted during construction as the preference is normally for trees of status within a Conservation Area to be retained.

Ecology

Due to the proposal impacting less than 32 square metres of ground area, if the proposal is put forward as a planning application it would likely be considered to comply with the de minimus exemption and would not be required to demonstrate the standard 10% Biodiversity Net Gain.

Validation requirements

Validation requirements for any forthcoming application can be found at: [Submit planning application - Wiltshire Council](#)