

Design and Access Statement

In support of Listed building consent PL/2026/06512 for the proposed replacement of existing internal timber door with FD30S Fire Door.

**Grade II Listed Horningsham Primary School, Church Street,
Horningsham, Wiltshire BA12 7LW**

Listed Building Consent Application: PL/2026/06512

1. Introduction

This Design and Access Statement accompanies an application for Listed Building Consent for the replacement of an existing internal door located between the main school reception and the school hall at Horningsham Primary School, a Grade II listed building. The proposal seeks to improve fire safety by installing a certified FD30S fire door set while preserving the character and significance of the listed building. [\[Heritage s...fire door | Word\]](#)

2. Site and Building Context

Horningsham Primary School is a Grade II listed building of architectural and historic significance that continues to operate as a primary school serving the local community. The building's significance derives from its historic fabric, architectural detailing, and continued educational use. [\[Heritage s...fire door | Word\]](#)

The proposed works affect a single internal doorway located between the reception area and the main school hall. No changes are proposed to the building's structure, layout, external appearance, or historic plan form. [\[Heritage s...fire door | Word\]](#)

3. Design Principles

The principal design objective is to introduce a compliant fire-resisting door set while minimising the impact on the character and appearance of the listed building.

The proposed FD30S fire door has been designed to:

- Replicate the appearance of the existing door.

- Retain the existing opening dimensions.
- Reflect the proportions and panel arrangement of the existing door.
- Match existing finishes and colour treatments where practicable.
- Minimise interventions to surrounding historic fabric. [\[Heritage s...fire door | Word\]](#)

The proposed replacement door incorporates recessed decorative panels to reflect the visual appearance of the existing door and will be finished in colours consistent with the current arrangement. [\[Heritage s...fire door | Word\]](#)

4. Amount of Development

The works are limited to:

- Removal of the existing door and associated ironmongery.
- Installation of a new certified FD30S fire door and frame.
- Installation of concealed intumescent and smoke seals.
- Decoration and finishing to match existing arrangements.
- Reinstatement of hardware and associated fittings where appropriate. [\[Heritage s...fire door | Word\]](#)

The proposal does not involve:

- Extension of the building.
- Alteration of structural elements.
- Removal of significant historic fabric other than the existing door set.
- Changes to external elevations. [\[Heritage s...fire door | Word\]](#)

5. Heritage Considerations

The works have been developed following specialist fire door surveys which identified that the existing door cannot achieve the required FD30 performance standard and therefore requires replacement. [\[Heritage s...fire door | Word\]](#)

The proposal represents the minimum level of intervention necessary to achieve modern fire safety requirements. Any impact on heritage significance is limited to the replacement of the existing door leaf and frame. The opening, surrounding masonry, historic layout, and overall appearance of the building will remain unchanged. [\[Heritage s...fire door | Word\]](#)

The proposal is therefore considered to preserve the special architectural and historic interest of the listed building while providing a significant public benefit through improved fire safety and protection of the building and its occupants. [\[Heritage s...fire door | Word\]](#)

6. Access

The proposal does not alter existing access arrangements within the building.

The replacement door will:

- Maintain the existing circulation route.
- Maintain access between the reception area and school hall.
- Improve occupant safety in the event of fire.
- Support continued safe use of the building by pupils, staff and visitors. [\[Heritage s...fire door | Word\]](#)

No changes are proposed to entrances, exits, level thresholds, corridors or means of escape routes other than the installation of the upgraded fire-resisting door set. [\[Heritage s...fire door | Word\]](#)

7. Conclusion

The proposed replacement of the existing reception-to-hall door with a certified FD30S fire door has been designed to balance the need for modern fire safety standards with the conservation of a Grade II listed building.

The works are limited in scope, preserve the character and appearance of the listed school, and represent the minimum intervention necessary to achieve compliance with current fire safety requirements. The proposal is therefore considered appropriate and justified in heritage and design terms, and Listed Building Consent is respectfully sought. [\[Heritage s...fire door | Word\]](#)