

7 September 2010

Dear Evie

Planning application: 2010/1434, Cardinal Pole Secondary School (185-205 Morning Lane)

Further to my email of 29th August and my visit to your offices today we summarise our comments on the Southwold Primary School proposals as follows:

The Hackney Society broadly support the proposed scheme for Southwold Primary School. The existing building has been sensitively considered and the proposals display a clarity which will distinguish the historic building from the new additions. We welcome the proposed restoration of the timber windows and the innovative use of a film applied to the glass to reduce heat loss. The proposal to use reclaimed roofing materials to match existing is a positive development and both the siting and type of PV flush tiles appears to have been sensitively considered. Having studied in detail the full extent of Curl la Tourelle Architects drawings it appears that there are still some areas where one would expect to see a greater level of detail. This is particularly the case where new elements are proposed adjacent to the main listed historic building.

The following are the most obvious areas where further detail would be of interest.

1. New extension cladding and window details. A 1:10 or 1:20 sectional drawing would give a good understanding of the proposed construction. (Apertures, Coping and jamb details)
2. Details of structural glazing proposed to the new stair tower.
3. There are no materials samples available to view and our understanding is that these have not been received from the applicant. Colour and texture will be critical to the success of the proposed design. Could the approval of these materials be made a condition?
4. Drawing 877 P P 032 mentions sash windows replaced with casements. Is this necessary? Could the profile of the window sections be detailed in a similar way to the existing windows?
5. The original ironmongery is proposed for replacement throughout. As a historical record it would be beneficial if some could be retained, perhaps on windows which are not proposed as opening lights.

With kind regards,

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On behalf of the Planning Sub-group