#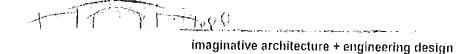 PROPOSED ALTERATIONS TO THE ROOF COVERING OVER THE ENTRANCE AREAS TO ST. HEDDA'S PRIMARY SCHOOL, EGTON BRIDGE, WHITBY YO21 1UX

DESIGN AND ACCESS STATEMENT

imaginative architecture + engineering design

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CONTEXT

St. Hedda's Primary School is a small primary school alongside St. Hedda's Church in the centre of Egton Bridge and immediately to the south of the railway station within the village and its Conservation Area.

The School building was the former Church Chapel and is Listed Grade II along with the Church to the south and part of the Presbytery attached at the rear (west).

The 'Chapel' then became the local Catholic Primary School and was altered and extended in the 20th Century.

The original building is a rectangular structure built of herringbone-tooled sandstone walls, a stone slate roof with stone copings and kneelers. It is approximately 4.6 metres high to eave with the pitched roof running east to west.

Later single storey extensions have been added to the front (east), side (south/left) and rear (west) in dressed sandstone. The roof to the front extension appears to have originally been clad with slates which in more recent times were replaced with felt tiles in the 1960's due to the flat pitch of the roof and then in lead as a preferred material approximately 10 years ago.

Regretfully the lead has been stolen from this roof three times in the last five years and the School and the insurers are no longer able to continue replacing this even though significant security measures have been put in place.

PROPOSALS

This application seeks consent for the installation of natural slates to match the main building on the low mono-pitch roof over the front extension.

The existing conservation roof lights are to be retained along with the existing guttering and rainwater pipe.

The roof is in the region of 11 metres long and 3.3 metres wide up the pitch.

Eaves level is at approximately 2 metres high and the point at which the roof abuts the main building is at approximately 2.75 metres high.

Code 4 lead soakers and flashings will be incorporated at the junction of the roof and wall.

NEIGHBOURING BUILDINGS

The large Church attached to the south side of the school building sits a significant distance forward of the school building by approximately 10 metres. This combined with the height and mass of the church results in the school being overshadowed by the size and scale of the Church. The Church roof is covered with thick regular coursed green/grey Welsh slate (or a type of Westmoreland slate).

The adjoining Presbytery to the rear of the School (west) also has a slate roof which matches that of the Church along with a number of outbuildings.

The proposed replacement material for the lead to this roof is a natural slate fixed using copper nails in a traditional manner and coursed to suit the roof.

Therefore it is proposed to use a slate which will match the surrounding buildings in colour and size and will fit in well with the Conservation Area in which it is located.

ACCESS

The existing access into the School will be retained and not altered in anyway.

COMPLIANCE WITH NORTH YORK MOORS NATIONAL PARK PLANNING POLICY AND CONSULTATIONS

The School discussed their dilemma and proposals with Peter Jones Team Leader Planning who advised on submission of the application with a proposal to use slates in place of the lead or a similar product.

This proposal is considered to comply with the following policies:

Core Policy A	Delivering National Park Purposes and Sustainable Development
Core Policy G	Landscape, Design and Historic Assets
Development Policy 3	Design
Development Policy 4	Conservation Areas
Development Policy 5	Listed Buildings
Core Policy I	Community Facilities
Planning Policy Statement 5	Planning for the Historic Environment

For these reasons consideration for approval of the application is requested.