

REPORT TO THE DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE

Report No.

Date of Meeting	14th may 2008
Application Number	08/00476 LBC
Site Address	The Pound, Pound Pill, Corsham
Proposal	Installation of wrought iron gate in existing opening
Applicant	The Pound Arts Trust Ltd
Town/Parish Council	Corsham
Grid Ref	387268 170020
Type of application	Listed Building Consent

Reason for the application being considered by Committee

This application has been submitted to the Committee for decision under the scheme of delegation in force after the 8th April 2002 because the building is owned by the District Council

Summary of Report

This application proposes the installation of a metal gate, purpose made by a local artist, in an original gateway in the playground wall.

The key points to consider are:

- The impact upon the architectural and historic interest of the listed building.
- Impact upon the character and appearance of the conservation area

Officer Recommendation

Listed Building Consent be GRANTED subject to conditions

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Proposal and Site Description

The former school is a Grade 11 listed building, dating from 1895, currently used as the Pound Arts Centre, a multi-purpose arts and entertainment venue.

On the southern side of the building a wall runs perpendicular to it, which originally served to subdivide the playground. The original gateway survives but lacks its gate and consent is sought to install a purpose-made metal gate, designed and made by a local artist.

Planning History

Application number	Proposal	Decision
05/00659 LBC	Internal and external alterations to improve disabled access	Granted
05/03025 LBC	Erection of two single storey extensions, internal and external alterations, alterations to access and boundary wall and erection of railings.	Granted
05/03026 DP3		
08/00084 FUL	Re-open external doorway to from fire escape	Permission
08/00085 LBC	Re-open external doorway to from fire escape	Granted

Consultations

Corsham Town Council has no objections.

Representations

Corsham Civic Society has written in support, commenting that the design is good.

Impact on Listed Building

The existing wall and gateway are contemporary with the 1895 school building, forming part of its playground setting. The original gate has been lost and the proposal is to install a new gate reflecting the building's new status as an Arts Centre. The gate is of a highly elaborate design featuring peacocks and floral motifs. Whilst this probably bears no relation to the pattern or material (timber?) of the original, Victorian ironwork was quite often of a heavy, florid design. As the building now has a new public use it is not considered inappropriate to reflect that in a distinctive individual design.

Recommendation and Proposed Conditions/Informatives

Recommend Listed Building Consent be GRANTED subject to the following conditions:

1. The works to which this consent relates shall be begun before the expiration of three years from the date of this consent.

Reason: To comply with the requirements of Section 18 of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990.

2. Prior to the commencement of the works the subject of this consent, details of the following matters (in respect of which approval is expressly reserved) shall be submitted to, and approved in writing by, the local planning authority:

(1) Large scale details, including cross-sections, of the new cast iron gate and its positioning in the opening in the boundary wall.

The works shall be carried out in accordance with the details so approved.

Item 1 shall be completed prior to the use or occupation of the works.

Reason: In the interests of the listed building.

3. The works the subject of this consent shall be carried out strictly in accordance with the documents (including plans) incorporated into this decision and subsequently approved pursuant to this decision, unless otherwise approved, in writing, by the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: To ensure that the works are implemented in accordance with this decision in the interests of the listed building.

Informatives

1. This decision relates to documents/plans submitted with the application, listed below. No variation from the approved documents should be made without the prior approval of this Council. Amendments may require the submission of a further application. Failure to comply with this advice may lead to

enforcement action which may require alterations and/or demolition of any unauthorised buildings or structures and may also lead to prosecution.

Plan reference	Date received
Location plan	27 February 2008
Drawing no.1- Site plan	27 February 2008
Drawing no.3 Proposed design for new gate	27 February 2008

Reason for Decision

The proposed gate reflects the new use of the listed building and in that context is not considered to be detrimental to its architectural or historic interest in accordance with S.16(2) of the Planning (Listed Buildings and Conservation Areas) Act 1990 and guidance in PPG 15.

Appendices:	None
Background Documents Used in the Preparation of this Report:	1.20; 4.02; 4.05; 5.01; 6.03.