

## **Design & Access statement**



### **Characteristics of Brington Primary School**

Little Brington Primary school is a grade II listed building, built in 1851 and typical of mid-Victorian school architecture. It has red brick walls with stone window surrounds, parapets, plinths and quoining, a clay tiled roof and cast iron rainwater goods. The only exception being the proposed lobby area which was added more recently and built to resemble a half-timbered Tudor construction with rendered walls.

### **Formation of opening to re-established main entrance at Brington Primary School**

Access to Little Brington Primary school is currently via the original staff entrance located to the side of the building; the original main entrance, located at the front currently functions as a store. It is proposed to re-establish the front entrance as the main entrance. It should be noted that although the re-establishment of the main entrance does not require listed building consent, it is proposed that the entrance hall be refurbished and a hatch be created between the hall and the office - which does require listed building consent. The re-establishment of the original access is of particular importance on account of the current entrance being completely inappropriate; it has no level threshold for disabled access or adequate space in which a wheelchair could turn around, no direct contact with the administration area and no means of security, and it would be almost impossible to provide these for the current entrance due to the constricted space.

By re-establishing the original entrance it will be possible to address all of these issues. Externally the paving will be re-laid to create a level access, and internally it is proposed that that a hatch be formed to the office to help with surveillance and general communication with visitors. The works in general will greatly improve access, security, circulation and communication within the school and will re-establish the original framework, leading to a more functional and coherent establishment.

The only historic fabric to be lost comprises a section of brick walling (originally external) for the hatch. It is not possible at this stage to confirm at this stage whether there might be any underlying stone window surrounds, due to the wall being plaster on both sides. However, it is suggested that exploratory works be carried out prior to the works commencing to confirm this.