

1 Welcome & Introduction

McMurray House



Oundle School is proposing to construct a new 60-bed girls' boarding house for 13-18-year-olds at the junction of Milton Road and Drumming Well Lane within the Oundle Conservation Area. This project aims to relocate existing facilities from New House on Stoke Hill to a more central location, enhancing integration and safety for the girls. Additionally, the new boarding house will enable the School to improve its existing boarding houses, enabling Oundle School to remain competitive among leading co-educational independent schools in the UK.

The current buildings on the site have been vacant since 2016, when the Church of England Primary School moved into a new building. The design process included an assessment for adaptive reuse of the original Victorian building, which sits on the corner of Milton Road and Drumming Well Lane and is identified as a positive building in the Conservation Area. This proved very challenging due to the condition of the building and height and structural constraints, which resulted in an extensive development footprint that impacted the scheme's quality and availability of external recreation space.

Two Grade 2 listed buildings are located adjacent: The Great Hall to the east across the lane and The Adamson Centre to the north across Milton Road. The new building is a high-quality design that draws inspiration from the surrounding conservation area and neighbouring structures, emphasising occupant privacy and consideration for local residents.

This development will offer several advantages:

- Centralising boarding houses, improving safeguarding, and attracting new boarders
- Initiating a refurbishment programme for other boarding house properties, many of which are within listed structures in the town.
- Removing a derelict site from the Conservation Area and enhancing this area of the town.
- Create a highly sustainable new building with net zero technologies and high energy efficiency.



This is a computer generated graphic of the building based on the RIBA Stage 3 architectural model. This may vary in appearance from the setting and final appearance of the building.



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