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Whitehaven Academy Access Road – Design & Access Statement

Introduction;

Whitehaven Academy was granted planning permission in March 2020 under the reference 4/19/2327/0F1. The application was for the replacement new school building and associated works. As part of the proposal and construction management plan, a temporary access road was installed off of Cleator Moor Road to the South East of the proposed building. The access road was to provide a site entrance for construction machinery, building materials and contractor staff.

The proposed school has been completed and handed over to Cumbria Education Trust. The existing temporary access road offers a unique opportunity to maintain access to the rear of the site, onto the playing fields without disrupting the school and facilities and safety of students. It has therefore been the preference of the school & trust to retain the access road with the intention for occasional use of maintenance and ground work equipment.

The access road was constructed to accept vehicles to a highways specification with dropped crossing and surfaced with Bitmac for it's entire length, more information can be found on drawing WHA-CUR-XX-XX-DR-C-04001-P03. The entrance gates are located 20m back from the road to allow vehicles to pull off the highway before reaching the site gates. The security fencing to the sides of the access road are an open mesh.

The access road is currently complete under the temporary arrangements of the original application and this application is for the retention of this access road as it stands.