

DESIGN & ACCESS STATEMENT

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**Simpson Memorial Hall, Moston Lane,
Manchester, M40 9NB**



Job No: AMP/45684

Chimney Reduction

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1.0 – Introduction

This Design & Access Statement will focus on design as access is not relevant to this chimney height reduction application.

2.0 Features of Existing Site

Simpson Memorial Hall was named in memory of a local industrialist, William Simpson, the money being donated by his daughter, Mrs Alice Fay of Dunwood House Fallowfield, for educational purposes. The first stone was laid by Dr Ward of Owens College and the building was formally opened on 5 May 1888 by Professor Boyd Dawkins. Contractors R. Neild & Sons. The building was run by volunteers until it was taken over by Manchester Library Service in 1898. Sankey had apparently taken two terms absence from Cambridge to design the building. There was to be a lecture room capable of holding 500 people, a gymnasium, a reference library and reading room and some smaller classrooms

The foundation stone of the Simpson Memorial Hall at Moston was laid on Saturday afternoon by Dr A W Ward, Vice Chancellor of the Victoria University. [Manchester Guardian 16 August 1886.

The building is from the designs of Mr Sankey of Moston, and is of considerable beauty. As a piece of quiet unpretentious architecture it seems to be one of the most successful in the district of Manchester. It is of red brick with terra cotta mouldings, and is enriched by judicious ornament. The open wall in front is an original treatment of such things and is very striking. The interior is also a great success, owing to the fact that the Committee, having full confidence in their architect, were determined to have everything of the best. The woodwork is all of oak, including the panelling of the large room, and all the doors and mouldings. The original library and reading room is of charming design. Originally there was a well-equipped gymnasium, a small lecture room, and several classrooms, as well as a large hall, which held about 500 people.

Today the building has a variety of rooms and facilities including for theatre, music and meetings use which are available for hire except for religious and political events. :

There are also existing community groups who welcome new members - amateur theatre for all ages, bowling, martial arts, national radio, foreign birds.

3.0 Design Proposals

It is proposed to lower the height of the rear chimney stack as outlined on the submitted drawings making use of the original bricks and with new clay vented chimney pots atop.



Chimney in Proposal located behind Scaffold.



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Chimney in Proposal

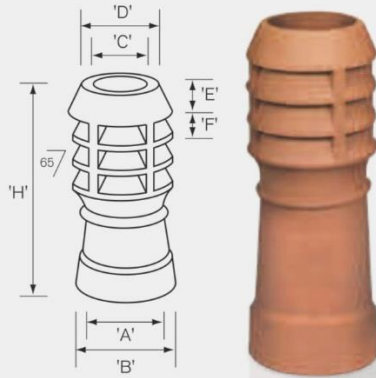


Chimney in Proposal

List No. 11

Louvre

Height H	Base dia		Top dia		E	F
	A	B	C	D		
450 600, 750	240	290	200	295	75	90
Made to order						
1200, 1350, 1500, 1650, 1800	250	300	200	295	75	90

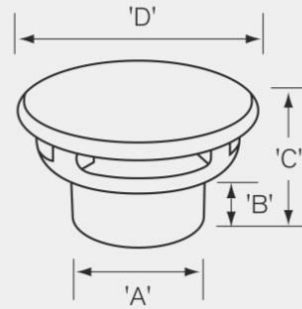


Proposed Chimney pots to vent disused stack.

List No. 116*

Weatherguard Top

Spigot ext. dia A	Spigot Height B	Overall Height C	Hood Width D
135, 170	85	170	235
190, 205	85	170	285



Proposed Chimney pot tops to sit inside Chimney pots.