



Brent Ellis
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Dear Brent,

I visited the school with our architect (*Simon Kneafsey BA (Hons) DipArch DipUD ARB RIBA*) during the summer holidays to look at the bus situated on site.

Having examined the vehicle and current condition and reviewed our findings, we have cause for concern in a number of H&S matters.

- The electrical connection to the main school presented an immediate concern on arrival. Whilst we admire the creative mechanisms to ensure the cable was not at ground level, visual inspection of the wiring from ground level suggested that the cabling may not be in line with modern standards.
- The manner in which the bus has been sited prevented detailed inspection of the structure. There were however signs of significant rot and deterioration in the tyres and the overall condition of the shell suggests that the structure is unlikely to be sound.
- We were unable to inspect whether an engine was present. If it is present, there is fluid and fuel risk that we were unable to ascertain at the time.
- Regarding the security of the bus, whilst it was clear efforts had been made, the hasp and staple locking mechanism for the door would offer little practical deterrent, and the open window observed present a risk of vandalism.

Whilst I appreciate that the bus is likely an attractive prospect as a space for the school, these vehicles are not intended for long term use in this manner without adaptations / ground preparations. Given the deterioration / electrical concerns, it is our position that the vehicle should be removed.

Please can you provide assurance that the bus is not currently in use by pupils and the area surrounding the vehicle has been secured to prevent access.

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In the event that the school intends to retain the vehicle, BFC would request that the school commissions a full structural, mechanical and electrical survey of the vehicle. Due to the cost of this and likely remedial works required, unless the school has a very compelling project in mind, we do not believe that the bus is viable and represents an unacceptable health and safety risk to the school population.

Yours sincerely



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