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**Job Ref: 4511**

## **DESIGN AND ACCESS STATEMENT**

**Proposed Alterations and  
Extension**

**at**

**Park Junior School**

**Great Park Street  
Wellingborough  
Northamptonshire**

11 May 2009  
Ref.: DB/4511/24681/DB

## **DESIGN AND ACCESS STATEMENT**

Proposed ground floor extension assists in the formation of an additional Classroom and associated Wet Area. The existing classroom area is refurbished. The extension also provides a covered raised decked area, for extended teaching / social use. The existing Girls Toilet area is refurbished, external access improved and elevational treatments modernised.

The proposals are all as shown on the submitted scheme drawings.

4528/01A	Survey as Existing
4528/03A	Scheme as Proposed
4528/04A	Block Plan / Site Location Plan

### **DESIGN:**

#### Use

The proposed ground floor extension provides an additional Classroom and External Covered Area. In addition to the above the existing Girls WC is refurbished.

The additional classroom allows for further flexibility in the curriculum timetable by forming 2 classroom areas of 59m<sup>2</sup> and 52m<sup>2</sup> to replace the existing impractical larger classroom. It is not intended to increase school numbers.

The external raised deck covered area can be incorporated into additional teaching space as well as providing a 'quiet' social area at break times.

#### Layout

The layout extends the existing single storey flat roof building to achieve the above accommodation whilst utilising a significant amount of 'dead' space within the existing playground area.

#### Amount

The net gain in gross internal floor area is approximately 30m<sup>2</sup> with balance of the new classroom floor area created by relocating the existing stores within the scheme as a whole.

#### Scale

The scale of the extension proposal has been designed to minimise the impact on the existing single storey flat roof building whilst at the same time giving this dated building a much needed 'facelift.'

The existing floor level is maintained as the existing classroom, with the new flat roof running through at the same level as the existing.

#### Appearance

The extension uses the same blue brick plinth facing brickwork / timber boarding / windows as the previous DSP extension. Render is incorporated in order to improve the appearance of the existing brickwork where openings have been infilled / modified, and to provide a lighter, more reflective surface under the canopy of the Covered Area. All existing / new materials are indicated on the elevational drawing.

### Landscaping

The existing tarmac playground area will remain. All level changes will be kept to a minimum with maximum gradients of 1:20.

There will be no alterations to any boundary treatments and there will be minimal loss of playground areas.

### Access

Existing on-site vehicular parking for staff / visitors is accessed off Great Park Street.

Pedestrian access is provided from Great Park Street and Alma Street direct.

Currently the existing car parking is restricted to staff and visitors. The school gates are shut during the school day. No parent is allowed to drive within the school grounds at drop off/pick up times. The schools travel plan encourages all parents / pupils to walk to school. This policy will extend to cover the proposed extension facility.

Disruption will be kept to a minimum and no deliveries will be accepted to site during designated school start/finish period and other break times. Weekend construction is not envisaged at this time to limit the impact on the local area. Normal working hours will be implemented.

Contractor's site and compound areas will be determined and agreed between School and CDM Co-ordinator as will the extent of plant/delivery vehicles etc. All Contractor's traffic movements will be guided by a banksman. The Contractor will be required to control noise, dust, mud on roads, access etc.

Safe access routes will be designated and the main school administration area be accessed from a separate pedestrian access off Great Park Street.

### Inclusive Areas

Existing DDA compliant ramped access to the school building will remain available via the main entrance doors.

The existing double door access to the eastern end of the building remains, with the existing internal door within the lobby removed and the opening widened forming access into an extended corridor area.

New ramped access is provided to the playground from the Covered Area which has a floor level the same as the adjacent classroom areas.

The existing access door accommodates wheelchair access via the call point at Reception. The existing Reception desk is DDA compliant and there is a disabled WC within the Reception Area.



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## **PLANNING SUPPORT STATEMENT**

### **Proposed Alterations and Extension**

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12 May 2009  
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## **ADDRESS**

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Park Junior School is one of the main junior schools in Wellingborough, educating and supporting children through years 3 to 6 (ages 7 to 11). Park Junior School was opened in 1873 and has the longest running school building in Wellingborough.

In December 2007, Park Junior School had the official opening of its new specially built Designated Special Provision unit to further support the pupils and their families in the Wellingborough area.

The School has identified that the large single classroom was impractical and that the school would be better served by two separate smaller classrooms. It is not intended to increase school numbers.

Full consultations have been sought with the Headteacher, staff and governors during the design process and it is felt by all parties that the proposals achieve the schools current needs within their present financial restraints.

The extension proposals will have minimal impact on existing playground facilities and / or neighbouring residential properties.

The existing site/buildings are not listed or within a Conservation Area.

There will be no additional children or staff numbers as a result of the proposals.