

**Hardwick Infant & Junior School
Olympic Way
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**Provision of Additional Car Parking Spaces
Design and Access Statement
and Supporting Photographs**

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Supporting Statement

The Junior and Infant School suffer, as many schools do, with the lack of car parking spaces. This is due to the more mobile staff situation that is apparent in today's society.

The general planning of the original scheme for parking may have been reasonable for deliveries and occasional parking but the ergonomics of the layout within the space available is clearly not suitable.

Recently the caretaker's bungalow has been demolished. The building was surplus to requirement and of no useful need. Its removal has made available additional land for car parking.

Existing Vehicular & Pedestrian Access

Access: The access is from the end of a cul-de-sac in Olympic Way; vehicular access is through double gates, and pedestrian access through a single gate. The path to the Infant School continues past the limited parking. The path has been cut through by the access to the bungalow garage.

Pedestrian access to the Junior School follows a quite narrow path down the RH side of the slope. At present the follow through for pedestrians is not clear and many parents use the vehicle gate and wander down the roadway without any clear direction. Cars park often on the path making it difficult for pedestrians.

Parking

Infant Existing: The small car park adjacent for the Infant School is steep and relatively unusable for deliveries and disabled use. A previous extension to this gave a few additional spaces but there are no pedestrian pathways serving it. The disabled space is not of

Junior Existing: The car park facing the existing school buildings allows for 7 cars parked in unmarked bays with additional parking which does not allow for correct turning spaces.

Proposals:

Immediate Access: By removing the old garage access, altering the road line by placing new kerbs and increasing the width of the pedestrian path, a more natural flow for pedestrians is created. This will serve the Infant School and follow through for a better access to the Junior School.

Providing a pedestrian crossing and then a new path on the LH side of the slope, should encourage parents and pushchairs away from the road and follow the path to the Junior School.

Infant Extension: The area created by the demolition will create additional spaces for both vehicles and bicycles. It is accessed by crossing the path over dropped kerbs and this area of tarmac can be of a different texture to give pedestrian awareness.

Junior Extension: A small amount of excavation into the existing bank and the removal of two trees will give the additional parking and proper turning to an additional 7 cars. It will enable a disabled bay to be provided in the existing area closer to the reception area. This work has been completed.

Photographs: A number of stitched panoramic views of the site are provided below showing the school areas as at February 2008.



Image 01: Existing Main Entrance to the Schools



Image 02: Existing Main Vehicular and Pedestrian Gates



Image 03: Proposed spaces for the Infant School [Caretaker House Site]

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Image 04: Existing spaces to the Infant School



Image 05: Existing spaces for the Infant School



Image 06: Existing Infant spaces and LH slope to the Junior School

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Image 07: The LH slope to the Junior School



Image 08: Proposed spaces for the Junior School - Completed



Image 09: Existing spaces for the Junior School

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