

Statement of Justification / Planning Support Statement

Client: Northamptonshire County Council

Project: **New Designated Special Needs Provision and
Alteration of Entrance Area at Park Junior School,
Great Park Street, Wellingborough**

Park Junior School was opened in 1873 and caters for ages 7-11 years, with 2 classes each year group. It has been identified that a new Designated Special Needs Provision is required at Park Junior School Wellingborough. The location chosen to accommodate the extension is best suited for the purposes as it can easily become self-contained to provide the necessary provision, and at the same time is located centrally within the School (in the heart of the School).

Included within this provision is the requirement for a Staff area linked to the Special Needs Provision and an amended internal access route from the existing main entrance which will improve security. This leads to further internal alterations which in turn consider DDA requirements etc.

The new extension includes a classroom of 54m² off a central corridor, which is directly linked to circulation areas from both the entrance and the heart of the School. A 10m² Quiet Room / Sensory Room and a Disabled Toilet are located adjacent to the Classroom. The new extension is linked to the existing Hall via an external Terrace, which provides access to a secure outside Social Area whilst retaining the fire escape route from the existing Hall.

The Staff Room is relocated adjacent to the Meeting Room and the existing Staff Room refurbished to become the Family Support / Meeting / DSP Staff Room. A new floor will be constructed over the existing classroom. Part of this area will then accommodate the Resource Store and the existing Store will be refurbished and house the Staff Work Area, with a direct link to the Staff Room Area.

The new entrance provides secure doors into the school with a ramped corridor leading to the schools main artery corridor, thus allowing the existing Library to be used as a quiet environment and not accommodating the main walkthrough into the school as existing. The new Reception / Office area is located adjacent to the entrance corridor, thus allowing visitors to be closely monitored. The existing Reception is being transformed into the Finance Office, allowing the area of the existing Finance Office to be refurbished into Staff Toilets.

Adjustments of levels / ramps inside the school will be necessary to allow disabled access into all ground floor rooms.

The new extension is located predominantly within existing hard / soft landscaped areas with minimal intrusion into the existing hard playground area. A new outdoor quiet social area with soft landscaping is also provided. In addition the extension accommodates an external low level storage area accessed via the existing playground for general playground equipment etc. The existing external site levels in relation to the existing floor level allows this facility.

The box geometry of the proposed new Special Needs Provision allows adequate light into the existing Hall via the large windows.

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Construction Materials

The date of previous extensions to the School can be identified by construction materials / methods and therefore it was felt that this process should be continued rather than match either the original construction and / or its extensions.

The new extension will stand in contrast with the original School buildings, and by design show the date of construction. The materials chosen for the extension will provide a warm natural feel to the simple geometry. The high plinth of the extension follows the line of the existing plinth, and will be constructed in blue brick (similar to the existing) with the above classroom clad in timber. Timber faced powder coated non-structural steel posts support the timber shading to the south and east facing full height windows.

External doors and windows will be double glazed powder coated aluminium.

The Special Needs Provision is linked to the existing school via a glazed link to define new from existing and provide a light and airy feel to the corridor leading to the extension.

Natural light and the warm wood of the window shading will create a calm and friendly environment for the Special Educational Needs children within the classroom.

A small Silver Birch and a Mountain Ash tree located within the existing soft landscaped area will be removed to accommodate the extension. Planting will be introduced within the new external social area. No demolition of existing buildings is involved.

The existing site access and parking arrangements remain as existing.

The Contractor's access to the site and compound area will be determined and agreed between the Planning Supervisor / School / NCC.

Contractor's vehicles / plant and delivery vehicles will be supervised by a banksman to the appropriate compound / site area.

Works will be undertaken both during school term and holiday period, with careful planning and consideration being taken to avoid, as far as possible, disruption to everyday school activities.

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PLANNING OUT CRIME IN NORTHAMPTONSHIRE CHECKLIST:

Northamptonshire County Council and the District and Borough Councils of Corby, Daventry, East Northamptonshire, Kettering, Northampton, South Northamptonshire and Wellingborough are committed to a programme of joint working to enhance community safety through the planning system, in partnership with Northamptonshire Police. These authorities have adopted **Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG) on Planning Out Crime in Northamptonshire** (see overleaf for details). The SPG is a material consideration in the determination of planning applications.

This Checklist seeks to ensure that the SPG is implemented and requires applicants to consider the impact of crime and disorder on their proposals and to demonstrate that appropriate measures have been considered in accordance with the advice provided in the SPG.

This Checklist should be completed and returned if your proposal meets the criteria set out on the reverse side of this form. Please return the Checklist to the Local Planning Authority along with your completed planning application form (and any other enclosures or supporting information as necessary). Please use additional sheets for your response if required.

Planning Application No. and Description

PARK JUNIOR SCHEDULED PLAY AREA BOROUGHS - EXTENSION FOR DESIGNATED SPECIAL NEEDS.

Have you taken account of the advice contained in Supplementary Planning Guidance (SPG) on Planning Out Crime in Northamptonshire on the following matters?

Surveillance:

1. Are publicly accessible places well overlooked and appropriately lit e.g. car parks (inc. private/rear parking courts), play areas, footpaths etc?

Yes No If no, why not

2. Does the location or type of development provide a case for the use of CCTV in the public interest, and if so is it provided?

Yes No If no, why not
 NOT PROVIDED AS EXISTING AND NO FURTHER NEEDED EXPECTED AS A RESULT OF THIS EXTENSION

Landscaping & Maintenance:

Has the landscape scheme been considered as an integral part of the design, with maintenance and community safety in mind?

Yes No If no, why not

Ownership:

Is there a clear distinction between public and private space which fosters a sense of ownership?

Yes No If no, why not

Secure boundaries:

Does the boundary treatment provide adequate security appropriate to the crime context whilst respecting the character of the local environment?

Yes N/A No If no, why not
 NO NEW BOUNDARIES

Layout:

Is the layout designed to minimise risk for people using cycleways / footpaths in accordance with the advice in the SPG?

Yes No If no, why not

Certification:

If applicable, have you applied to Northamptonshire Police for a Secured by Design certificate and/or Safer Parking Award?

Yes No Secured by Design
www.securedbydesign.com
 Yes N/A No Safer Parking Award
www.securedcarparks.com

Any other comments / justification of approach taken?

CHECKLIST CRITERIA

Applicants are required to complete and return the Checklist for only those proposals which meet the criteria set out below.

- Major developments (including applications for approval of reserved matters). See note* below for definition of "major".
- Developments likely to attract significant numbers of the public i.e. public houses, clubs, hotels, restaurants, takeaways, sporting venues etc.
- ATM machines particularly in 'out of town' sites
- Development involving new neighbourhood or district community facilities, including places of worship.
- Significant alterations or extensions to school buildings and other public buildings e.g. hospitals, government offices etc.
- Proposals that include linear paths, country parks and significant areas of open space/landscaping as part of the development.
- Farm diversification proposals that will lead to the creation of one or more industrial or commercial units in an isolated location.

NOTE*:

For the purpose of this Checklist 'major' is defined in accordance with the General Development Procedure Order 1995 as follows:

- The provision of dwelling houses where:
 - The number of dwelling houses to be provided is 10 or more; or
 - The residential development is to be carried out on a site having an area of 0.5 hectare or more and it is not known whether the development comprises 10 or more dwellings.
- The provision of non-residential development where:
 - The provision of a building or buildings where the floor-space to be created by the development is 1000 square metres or more; or
 - Development carried out on a site having an area of 1 hectare or more.

NEED A COPY OF SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING GUIDANCE (SPG) ON PLANNING OUT CRIME IN NORTHAMPTONSHIRE?

The SPG was adopted by Northamptonshire County Council in December 2003 and by the district and borough councils in January and February 2004. Copies may be made available on request from your local planning authority or can be viewed and downloaded from the County Council's website at <http://www.northamptonshire.gov.uk/Environment/Planning/SPG/crime.htm>

The SPG is also available in all public libraries in Northamptonshire.

NEED HELP OR ADVICE ON COMPLETING THIS FORM?

Please contact Northamptonshire Police on Tel: 01604 - 703548 for details of your local Crime Prevention Design Advisor who will be able to help you.