

Design & Access Statement

1321 - Colham Manor

REV 01

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Introduction

Colham Manor is a Primary School situated in Hillingdon, Middlesex. The reception class and associated outdoor space originally accommodated a total of 60 pupils which was sufficient to meet the needs of the EYFS curriculum. As a result of school expansion, there are now up to 90 pupils in the reception classes and the current space is not adequate for their outdoor play.

Proposed Work

The proposal identifies increasing the existing playground area to accommodate the previously approved increased pupil numbers and create a stronger connection between the school building and existing enclosed playground area. The additional playground space will be enclosed with fencing and access gates to provide a secure and safe space for the pupil's during their outdoor play.

A timber fence at 1.0m high will provide the enclosure for the school children to play within to the south of the site.

Landscaping

The tree and shrubs, identified in drawing P-002, are to be removed in the area of additional playground. This will provide un-obscured visual security across the playground. The tree identified within the playground area has no significant impact to the immediate environment (Fig. 1). It is anticipated that a tree report will be carried out if required as a conditional sign off.



Figure 1. Existing fruit tree

The trees outside of the perimeter of the playground will be retained.

Materials

The proposed area of additional playground will have a tarmac finish, to match the existing playground area that is to be extended.

The fence bordering the playground area is to have a matching finish and design as the existing timber palisade fence located around the canopy supports (Fig.2).



Figure 2. Existing timber palisade fence

No alterations to the external envelope and materials of the existing school buildings are proposed as part of this application.

Access

There will be no changes to the current access to the site, vehicular or pedestrian. The configuration of the fencing around the playground will be changed as shown in drawing P-002, however pedestrian access to the playground will remain as existing through means of a gated entrance. All level access throughout the playground will be maintained.