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Planning support and access statement

FALCONERS HILL INFANTS SCHOOL, ASHBY ROAD, DAVENTRY, EAST
NORTHANTS.

REPLACEMENT OPEN CANOPY STRUCTURE TO EXISTING PLAY AREA
WITHIN PRESENT SCHOOL BUILDING.

The development comprises the overall replacement of an existing open canopy structure which was demolished due to structural instability of its supporting aluminium framework.

The intention is to replace this structure with a canopy similar in design and height to follow the remit of the previous construction.

Construction of the new canopy will be a permanent steel column framework with hipped rafters situated within the perimeter of the existing building structure between classrooms and the main hall building.

The roof of the canopy will form a pyramid envelope which sits above the present flat roof area at eaves level in the same format as the original dismantled structure. It will be fully glazed in anti-sun blue glass at roof level only with the sides of the structure being open on all four elevations, three being at roof level.

An existing roller shutter and picket fence to the front of the building will be retained as an integral part of the new development.

There are no implications on its visual impact to adjoining domestic properties, the new structure facing directly onto grassed playing fields within the curtilage of the school grounds.

The only other building visible is a local community centre and youth club structure which is located some 85 metres from the site and rests at a lower datum point to the school.

Natural tree screening and landscaping obscures the structure from the main Ashby Road.

Access to the covered play area is generally from within the main school building through classroom and main hall areas. There is also an entry point through the existing picket fence line from a footpath which runs around the perimeter of the school.

Access for the disabled is maintained without further alterations within the construction plan.