



## **1989 – Alterations and Extensions to Guilsborough Secondary School, Northants**

### **Design and Access Statement**

#### **Design**

Guilsborough Secondary School require additional on-site facilities for the teaching of practical vocational skills including bricklaying. The facilities will include a new Workshop together with an associated covered External work area. A fenced compound for the storage of materials will also be provided.

The site selected is adjacent to the existing Design Technology Block. Cost constraints determine that the workshop will be of modular prefabricated construction, the building will be single storey and incorporate a shallow pitched roof. External facing materials will include a textured paint finish for the walls and a mineral felt covering to the roof.

The adjacent External Work Area will comprise a weatherproof enclosure linked to the new Workshop. The enclosure will be of steel framed construction and incorporate a pitched roof which oversails the eaves of the new workshop. The roof will be clad in translucent profiled roof sheeting and the perimeter of the enclosure constructed using facing brick walls together with solid timber gates and infill panels. The choice of facing brickwork will be selected to match the type, colour and texture of the adjoining existing Technology Block where possible.

The proposed area for the storage of materials will be surrounded with a 2000mm high mesh fence..

#### **Access**

The topography of the selected site is relatively level and level access is available to and from the adjoining Technology Block. The raised floor level of the new prefabricated Workshop building will however require a ramped and stepped access in accordance with Part M of the Building Regulations.

Access to the External Work Area will be via steps internally from the Workshop or externally via the ramped approach for individuals with restricted mobility. A wheelchair accessible wc will be provided in the Workshop.