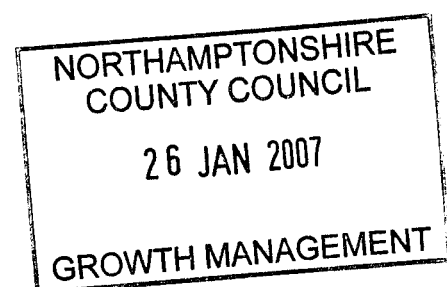


## DESIGN AND ACCESS STATEMENT

### 1.00 Introduction

- 1.01 Hardwick Infant School is situated off Olympic Way in the established Queensway residential area on the west side of Wellingborough.
- 1.02 Pedestrian access to the school is from Olympic Way and via a footpath across the site from a pedestrian gate on the northern boundary.
- 1.03 The site itself is predominantly level enabling inclusive access to be achieved.
- 1.04 The school building dates from circa 1976 and consists essentially of a single storey flat roofed building of traditional construction with facing brickwork and an asphalt type roof covering.



## 2.00 Design

### General

- 2.01 The design proposals retain the existing entrance location on the east side of the building, but alters and modifies the approach to, and position of the main entrance with the consequential alterations to the related adjacent accommodation. The proposals include the provision of a covered canopy to give focus and emphasis to the school entrance, and security fencing to the front garden area.

### Amount

- 2.02 The provision of the Entrance lobby and canopy give an increased covered footprint area of approximately 15m<sup>2</sup> to the school.

### Use

- 2.03 The extension will be used by pupils, staff and visitors to the school.

### Layout

- 2.04 The new extension is situated on the east side of the school building, and consists of a new entrance canopy leading to an enclosed lobby controlled by a Reception and General Administrative office.

### Scale

- 2.05 The proposed extension is a single storey extension designed to reflect and match the scale and appearance of the existing building.

### Landscaping

- 2.06 A new replacement security fence and gates are to be provided to the front garden area, and the existing footpath leading to the entrance is to be widened and provided with a new tarmac covering. The areas disturbed by the proposed works are to be made good, re-soiled and re-planted with replacement planting.

### Appearance

- 2.07 The proposed extension will be constructed of facing brickwork to match the existing school building. Window and doors to match the existing ones as far as current regulations allow, will also be provided.
- 2.08 It is proposed that the entrance canopy will have a pyramidal roof covered with a profiled metal roof finish to provide some visual emphasis to the main entrance.
- 2.09 The proposals are in keeping with the existing school buildings and will provide the school with an enhanced and more prominent entrance.

### **3.00 Access**

#### Introduction

3.01 The site is already developed and the existing access and entry points established.

#### Vehicular Links

3.02 Vehicular and pedestrian access are from Olympic Way, an access road off the main Queensway distributor road.

3.03 No change to access is involved in the proposals.

#### Inclusive Access

3.04 The proposals themselves, including the internal alterations and modification, the new extensions and the improvements to the footpath leading to the main entrance do not affect access. Inclusive access is maintained and improved by the proposals.

## **SUPPORTING PLANNING STATEMENT**

### **1.00 Introduction**

- 1.01 The Governors of the School wish to make alterations to the accommodation adjacent to the existing main entrance to the school to improve security and provide the school with a more prominent entrance.
- 1.02 The school is situated off Olympic Way in the established Queensway residential development on the west side of Wellingborough.
- 1.03 Pedestrian and vehicular access to the school is via Olympic Way, an access road off Queensway main distributor road.

### **2.00 The Proposal**

- 2.01 The proposed development consists of the construction of a new entrance lobby and canopy, modifications to the footpath approach to the school, and consequential alterations to the related internal adjacent accommodation in the vicinity of the school entrance including a new disabled toilet provision.
- 2.02 The proposed development will improve the daytime supervision and security of the school entrance and provide a visually prominent entrance.
- 2.03 The solution has been formulated from consultation with the staff and Head teacher of the school. No consultations have taken place with the wider community or outside parties prior to the submission of the application since the proposals are not considered to have any significant, detrimental or adverse impact on the existing situation, or relevant policies contained in the Strategic or Local Development Plans.
- 2.04 The proposals conform with the General Policies on the Built Environment contained in the Local Plan Written Statement of the Borough Council of Wellingborough in that the proposals reflect and enhance the existing building and surroundings, and provide a satisfactory means of access to the school.

