

SUPPORTING STATEMENT.

Project: Single storey classroom extension within courtyard.

Location: Rockingham Road Primary School,
Rockingham Road, Corby, Northants.

Date: 20th March 2008

1. Project description.

- The proposal is for a single storey extension to form a covered play area and two cloakrooms off the corridor of the Southern wing of the School.

2. Reason for the project.

- The School was designed and built in the 1930's/1940's and does not provide current standard of accommodation.
- There is a need for a secure and covered play room and the extension will provide this play and learning area.
- The original building is built in an open rectangle around an open courtyard and the corridors are being used to house some equipment and for hanging coats and storing shoes. It is important that these are kept away from the circulation routes on health and safety grounds and the new cloakroom areas will keep the corridor clear.
- A new Janitor's store room will also be formed to create additional equipment and cleaner's storage space.

3. Location.

- The location within the courtyard has been chosen as this area is not used and the external periphery of the building is already taken up with playgrounds, parking and other extensions already underway. There is little or no spare building ground on the outside of the main building.
- Access to the additional rooms must be off the main corridor circulatory route so that Classroom space is not compromised.
- It is the intention to use the outside courtyard for activities and the building will be integrated in that use so that internal and external learning activities can combine.
- The new building will utilise space that is under-used and will not prevent additional works from taking place along the outer perimeter of the building.

4. Miscellaneous information.

- The project will include improvements of internal fire precautions by the addition of smoke control and automatic fire detection within the corridor. The external door will also provide a new emergency exit to be used in combination with improved fire exit doors to be provided when the courtyard is remodelled.