

Planning Permission for Gazebo

Design and Access Statement

Introduction

This document forms part of the Planning Application, and its purpose is to provide additional information to the submitted drawings.

The Development

The application is to apply for Temporary Planning Permission for the erection of an open-sided timber gazebo to form an outdoor classroom at Barker's Lane School. Its location is indicated on the attached plan.

The need for the outdoor classroom has arisen due to the significant benefits of outdoor learning for children's wellbeing which has also been increased by the effects of the pandemic.

Recent changes to the school building resulted in the school losing two small open timber outdoor covered areas, hence the requirement to replace these for use by the children in their play and for learning.

Character

The dimensions are included on the Dimension Plan. The octagonal structure is formed from natural timber. It has supporting post which hold a timber roof. There are low height picket-style walls around the structure leaving an open expanse between the top of the timber walls and seating inside.

Environmental Sustainability

The structure will be constructed from natural timber materials and form a safe, space for children to learn and play outdoors in all weathers.

Access / Movement

The school is located in a confined site, where space is a premium. The location of the unit is on a small area of recently landscaped grass and does not conflict with any access routes within the site but allows easy access to and from the existing school building for the children.

Community Safety

Previous covered outdoor areas have not increased any existing vandalism problems at the school and no changes to existing fences or boundaries, or additional gates required. Full CCTV is in operation and boundary gates are locked each night.

Tree Plan

A tree plan has been included with the supporting documents. It was not considered any issue in the siting of the classroom as this area has recently undergone major development and no trees are located in the area.