



PLANNING STATEMENT

In support of

Proposed Playground
Extension

for

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

This statement has been produced as supplementary information supporting the planning application for the proposed extension of existing hard play surfacing at Sandown Primary School, Hastings, East Sussex. The statement is to be read in conjunction with the below project drawing;

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2.0 CONTEXT

This application is being made on behalf of East Sussex County Council’s Children’s Services (ESCC CS) for the extension of existing hard play surfacing at Sandown Primary School, Hastings, East Sussex. A review of existing hard play surface area at the school has highlighted the requirement for additional to be provided in line with the growth of pupil numbers.

3.0 THE PROPOSAL

It is proposed that approx. 870m2 additional hard play surfacing be provided adjacent the existing lower playground. The proposed surface will be traditional black tarmacadam with concrete edgings to the perimeter. Subject to further ground investigation it is proposed that surface water be collected under the porous tarmacadam surface and then attenuated in to the existing drainage system.



4.0 JUSTIFICATION

As part of the consultation process the school have produced the following justification statement;

Sandown Primary School has grown significantly over the last 3 years. We have taken two additional classes adding 60 more children to our Key Stage 1 rota. We are also in negotiation with the local authority about taking on the management of the onsite nursery, which is very likely to happen by January 2018. This will bring the total of children within this stage up to 240 hence highlighting the need for additional playground area.

The location that has been proposed is rarely used and generally becomes extremely wet and boggy throughout the Winter months. In addition, we have identified that the wider playing field is of a sufficient size to support all required sport pitches and summer running track.

Finally, one point raised by OFSTED during our most recent inspection relates to pupil safeguarding and the current use of an existing playground by parents and members of the public needing to access the Nursery throughout the day. The implementation of this new playground area would eradicate this concern.

Additional to the above the points below are considered relevant in support of the proposal;

- The development will be ancillary to the principal use of the playing field and does not affect the quantity/quality of pitches
- The development only affects land incapable of forming part of a playing pitch and would lead to no loss of ability to use/size of playing pitch

5.0 CONCLUSION

As part of the design consultation process other locations were considered for the additional playground space. All stakeholders decided that the proposed location would be the most suitable area due to its proximity to the primary users hence upholding the positive connectivity of the school's facilities. In addition to this as can be seen above, the proposal will have no impact on the wider playing field, hence will be a very welcomed ancillary space to assist delivering the schools year-round sport programme.

Taking all the above in to consideration we respectfully suggest that this application be considered favourably.