

18<sup>th</sup> March 2008

Northiam School

Rear Extension

## **DESIGN AND ACCESS STATEMENT FOR:**

### **A REAR EXTENSION**

Situated at:

**NORTHIAM CE PRIMARY SCHOOL**

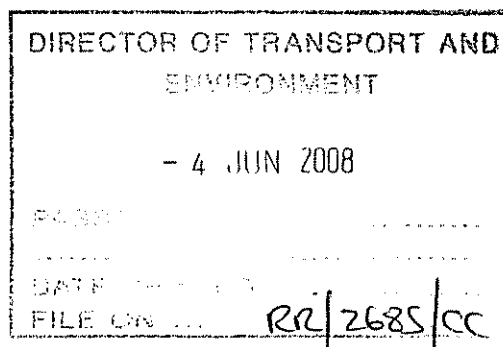
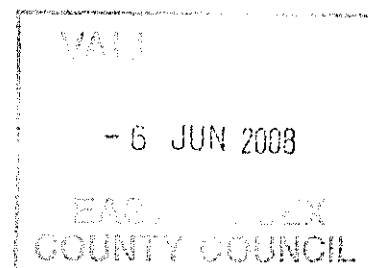
**MAIN STREET**

**NORTHIAM**

**RYE**

**EAST SUSSEX**

**TN31 6NB**



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## 1 Underlying Philosophy

- 1 1 East Sussex County Council has a substantial **Equality and Diversity Policy** document which is available on their website. Some key elements of this document are summarised below. The whole document is available for viewing at: [www.eastsussex.gov.uk](http://www.eastsussex.gov.uk)
- 1 2 East Sussex County Council is *"recognises the diverse needs of our community and is committed to promoting equality of opportunity and diversity in employment and service delivery"*
- 1 3 East Sussex County Council *"will challenge unlawful discrimination and encourage respect, understanding and dignity for everyone living, working and visiting East Sussex"*
- 1 4 East Sussex County Council *"In supporting equality of opportunity and fair access we will address unequal access to services and employment throughout influence across the County"*
- 1 5 East Sussex County Council *"will work to ensure that everyone has equal access to the opportunities and that we attract people to work with us who have other needs and desires"*
- 1 6 East Sussex County Council *"aim to deliver those services effectively to all members of the community on the basis of equal access in recognition of the diverse needs of different needs of different members of the community...we will work on these priorities in a way that benefits all and does not unreasonably or unlawfully disadvantage any group of people "*

## **2 Overview of project**

- 2 1 This application is for a single storey extension at the rear of the main school building
- 2 2 It is the schools intention to remove the existing glazed walkway attached to the main school and extend in the area between the main school and the existing toilet block creating a new teaching area
- 2 3 Internally a wall will be partially removed to allow better use of the internal space

## **3 Site Use (Current and Proposed)**

- 3 1 All surrounding buildings are used for educational purposes and it is not the intension of the client to change the use of these buildings
- 3 2 The proposed site for the extension is currently a patio although it is often found to be in the shadow of its neighbouring buildings and is therefore not greatly used by the school
- 3 3 It is the intention of the client to use this extension for teaching purposes

## **4 Construction Density (and impact on local environs)**

- 4 1 The new extension will be single storey and be shorter than the two flanking buildings
- 4 2 The extension cannot be seen from any neighbouring properties. Only the West elevation will be seen from a neighbouring field and the playing fields which are over 120 meters long and surrounded by trees

## **5 Design/Layout**

- 5 1 Level access is provided from the existing building from the existing paths
- 5 2 Throughout the extension access points are level and a minimum of 930mm wide
- 5 3 Where possible all obstructions have been designed out of the layout

- 5 4 The internal layout and design of the new teaching area has been determined through discussion with the school and the requirements of the teaching staff

## **6 Scale and Size**

- 6 1 The extension is located to the West of main school building between the original school building and a later addition
- 6 2 The width of the addition will be determined by the flanking buildings and the proposed length will be taken 5 meters from the existing glazed walkway giving a gross area of approximately 26m<sup>2</sup>
- 6 3 The roof will be of flat roof construction and will sit just below the soffit of the existing single storey building to the East

## **7 Landscaping**

- 7 1 There will be no alterations undertaken to the existing landscaping

## **8 Appearance (visual appearance on environs)**

- 8 1 The front elevation, which will be the only elevation visible, will be a white PVCu glazed unit as existing but with a grey mineral felt flat roof

## **9 Access (mobility onto and around site)**

- 9 1 Access to all parts of the extension will be level
- 9 2 All internal access points will be level and not less than 930mm in width

## **10 Summary**

- 10 1 The extension cannot be seen by any neighbouring properties and as such has very little impact on the surrounding area
- 10 2 East Sussex Councils, Equality and Diversity Policy document was consulted prior to the design of both buildings
- 10 3 We believe that the design meets the needs of service users without disadvantaging any of the end users and fulfils the requirements of the DDA and other current Codes of Practice.