

Town & Country Planning
(Development Management Procedure)(England) Order 2010)

Design and Access Statement

Kendrick School

Erection of a conservatory type structure for use as
dining space and adjacent covered walkway

1. Foreword

1. This statement is prepared under the requirements of article 6 of The Town & Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2010). The requirements are applied as appropriate to this development proposal and may not incorporate all the elements if they are not applicable.

2. Introduction

1. This planning application is submitted for the erection of a conservatory type structure for dining and breakout space and an adjacent covered walkway at Kendrick School, London Road, Reading RG1 5BN.
2. The school has a shortage of indoor dining, social and breakout space – an issue which is exacerbated during periods of inclement weather.
3. This application seeks to address this urgent need with the provision of a structure that is of sustainable and attractive design, and which will provide a covered seating area for the staff and pupils and will be usable in all weathers.
4. With careful consideration having been given to a number of options, a steel frame glazed extension alongside the existing dining hall will address these vital issues in a way which is sensitive and in keeping with the existing buildings whilst having minimal impact on the neighbouring area.

3. Land Use

1. The area is currently a soft landscaped courtyard.

4. Layout, Scale, Appearance and Access

1. The structure has an internal footprint of 144.0m², measures 16.0m (l) x 9.0m (w), with a connecting walkway of 38.0m (l) x 2.5m (w) and is to be erected adjacent to the existing buildings.

2. In order to complement the adjacent buildings, the structure has a monopitched roof profile with a matching fascia. The canopy is constructed in steel with a powder-coated finish.
3. The structure is clad with a composite insulated roof panel system, which has been chosen for its durability and thermal properties.
4. The extension has glass curtain walling to the outer elevations and is powder coated to match the existing building.
5. The covered walkway is constructed in steel with a powder-coated finish to match the extension and clad with translucent polycarbonate sheeting.
6. The structure is located in relation to the existing school buildings in such a way as to enhance access, particularly in inclement weather, and will comply with DDA requirements as appropriate. Designated emergency vehicle routes will remain unobstructed.

5. Conclusions.

1. This proposal will provide Kendrick School with enhanced dining, seating and breakout space for its students, which will be suitable for use all year round.
2. The design, location and setting have been developed to eliminate any adverse impact on the amenities of nearby residential users.
3. For these reasons it is requested that planning permission is granted.