

Planning Note

To: Alison Amoah
From: Peter Higginbottom
Date: 17 December 2015
Subject: Proposed MUGA, St Joseph's College, Upper Redlands School

Dear Alison

Further to our discussion today, I am happy to provide additional details on the proposed MUGA at St Joseph's College.

The School proposes to install two MUGA pitches at the site for use by the students of the College while also providing access to students at the nearby Redlands School to the North. It is understood that Redlands School has a significant shortfall in play space due to the erection of a number of demountable buildings on play areas to address a shortage of places. The proposed MUGA will therefore benefit those students as well as those of the College.

An additional access has been proposed to the School site from Blenheim Gardens which will be for the sole use of groups from Redlands School. Access will be controlled through a swipe card. Students or visitors of St Joseph's College will not be permitted to use this access. The applicant is happy to accept a suitably worded condition to control this.

The main purpose of the facilities is to provide improved play space that can be used all year round for students however it is also intended to offer the facilities to the wider public. This will therefore achieve significant public benefit.

In order to address any possible concerns of residents, the School propose to use the MUGA to the north of the site (the replacement of the existing hard surfaced court) till 6pm. All floodlights of this pitch will then be turned off. The larger pitch fronting onto Upper Redland's Road will be in use until 10pm and floodlights will then be turned off within 15 minutes. In reality the facility will not be used everyday until 10pm and on a number of days the use will cease by 8pm. Given the proposed usage hours, there is not considered to be any significant impact on the amenities of local residents.

The School carried out a wide public consultation exercise earlier in 2015 with letters circulated to all nearby properties. Details were provided of the scheme and residents were invited to attend a tour of the site. Only two people attended and no comments were received.

If any further details are required then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours faithfully,

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