Burbage Infant School, Proposed Quiet Room

Design and Assess and Planning Statement

The proposal allows for extending at the rear of the existing library to create an area of 18.9 m2 to enable small groups or individual pupils to be taken out of the mainstream classes for additional coaching and tuition.

The main corridor giving access to the majority of Classrooms contains steps, which lead down to the toilets and lower classroom 7.

The extension will be built off the higher level of the corridor, to avoid problems with disabled access and an external, galvanised metal, fire escape door will be installed to give direct exit to the playground.

Brickwork, windows, doors, fascia boarding and roof covering will all match the existing finishes of the Library, Teacher preparation and Medical rooms constructed in the recent past

Landscaping

No landscaping is proposed, The extension is virtually concealed behind the existing buildings

Parking

No alteration to the current parking arrangements is proposed

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Site and Block Plans

Enclosed with the drawings

Justification for proposed Quiet Room

This school has reached its net capacity. Nearly all the classrooms are significantly under-sized by comparison with today's recommended areas; there is no room in these classrooms for small group work to support those children who find some or all aspects of learning difficult.

This being so, and given the facilities that would be available in a new school to pupils and teachers, it was considered appropriate to provide the school with some designated quiet/withdrawal space of c.19m^2. Presently the school has no such facility. With the constant pressure on schools to raise their pupils' attainment, this proposed new space will play a significant part in helping teachers raise the confidence and performance of pupils who, for a variety of reasons, finding learning difficult.

Planning Policy (Local Plans/Local Development Framework)

The proposal has considered the Hinckley and Bosworth Development Plan and Planning Policy with regards to the following.

Policy BE1 Design and Siting of Development

Bea
BE1b
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BE1j

BE2

There is limited space on this site for permanent extensions without encroaching upon the grass play area and field. The siting of the Quiet room will not adversely affect the tarmac play area.

With increased educational demands being made from Central Government, space has to be provided, wherever possible, for the improvement of educational standards and more smaller areas are being required for one to one teaching, teacher preparation areas etc.