

DESIGN AND ACCESS STATEMENT TO ACCOMPANY PLANNING APPLICATION FOR:

A Dining hall canopy installation

at

St Phillip Howard catholic High School, Barnham



INTRODUCTION

This Design & Access Statement has been prepared by Abbott Surveyors Ltd, on behalf of the school to support the following proposed works:

Full planning consent for the provision of a glazed canopy attached to the existing school dining hall to cater for additional dining room space.

Works are deemed necessary to provide more capacity to provide cooked meals for pupils during the restricted timescales at lunchtime during the school day.

The school are to appoint UK Canopies to supply and install the proposed canopy, with the groundworks, drainage etc completed by others ahead of this installation.

BACKGROUND

This school is a co-ed Catholic High school taking pupils aged between 11 to 18 years old and has a large catchment within the county of West Sussex. The original building was constructed in the 1950's and has been extended on numerous occasions since opening.

The school became an Academy in 2016 and is part of the BOSCO Catholic education academy trust

SITE & LOCATION

The school is located within the village of Barnham, just outside Chichester, off of Elm Grove South. However, the proposed canopy is to be located within an enclosed courtyard that cannot be seen from any neighbouring properties, as it is completely hidden by the surrounding high-rise buildings.

CONTEXT

The school site abuts residential properties to the north and east boundaries, but the remaining south and west boundaries abut farmland and the main rail line along the south coast.

AMOUNT

The height of the canopy is proposed to be below 4 metres at the highest point (apex of curved roof). The length of the building is determined by the buildings it is to abut, which is 11 metres. The width is also determined by location and is to be 9.7 metres

This makes the total footprint of the building to be **107m²**, which is just greater than the allowance of 100m² (for permitted development) with Class M – extensions etc for Schools, Colleges, Universities and hospitals.

LAYOUT

The additional floor space will allow for an increased capacity and a better dining experience for pupils at the school.

SCALE

The size and dimensions have been noted previously and on the submitted drawings

ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

Arboriculture – A single tree (Silver birch) with a small trunk diameter of 250mm is located adjacent to the works area and will need to be removed as part of these works. The school is proposing to locate further samplings to the site, in addition to sampling previously planted recently.

Biodiversity – The courtyard is entirely enclosed and is home to no wildlife. The existing ground is a concrete slab or single, with no other vegetation growing within this location.

Flood – The school site is located within a flood zone 1, therefore there is a “low probability of flooding to the school. See flood zone drawing provided from the Environment Agency website, below:

