

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

Design and Access Statement

Littlehampton Academy

Erection of a Canopy and 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 canopy and covered walkway at Littlehampton Academy, Fitzalan Road, Littlehampton.
2. The Littlehampton Academy, which is run by Woodard Academies, provides a quality education for 11-18 year olds and has recently undergone very extensive redevelopment, retaining a block of existing buildings that are remote from the main Academy building.
3. The redevelopment has not included the replacement of the covered walkways that were previously in existence. Experience through the first winter has demonstrated an acute need for outdoor shelter, both for students and staff moving between buildings as well as social break-out space.
4. This application seeks to address this need with the provision of a canopy and covered walkway that is of a sustainable and cost-effective but attractive design.

3. Land Use

1. The land is currently a hard paved play space; the only change proposed to this is the addition of canopy structures in order to enhance its all-weather properties.

4. Layout, Scale, Appearance and Access

1. The size of the structures are dictated by the requirements of the Academy, with the canopy having a footprint of 28m by 7m and the covered walkway having a footprint of 55m x 3m. The main design influence in the area is the

new Academy building which presents a very contemporary appearance with brick and steel cladding.

2. In order to complement the main Academy building the canopy and covered walkway are constructed in steel with a powder-coated finish to match the rainwater goods. The canopy has a shallow barrel-vaulted roof and the covered walkway is a flat monopitch, again reflecting the various roof forms found on the surrounding buildings.
3. Both structures have profiled steel roof cladding, which has been chosen for maximum life expectancy and resistance to sea-bird droppings. This will be in a silver-grey colour to match cladding on the main academy building.
4. The structures are located in relation to the existing academy 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 Littlehampton Academy with enhanced facilities for its students in all weathers.
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.