

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

Design and Access Statement

The Cowplain School

Erection of two dining/multi-use canopies

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 dining/multi-purpose canopy at The Cowplain School, Hart Plain Avenue, Cowplain, Waterlooville, Hampshire PO8 8RY.
2. The school is looking to expand the breakout space available to the students with the provision of canopies that are of sustainable and attractive design, which will provide covered seating areas and will be usable in all weathers. This requirement for additional space has been exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic and the guidelines regarding social distancing.
3. With careful consideration having been given to a number of options, a steel structure with a polycarbonate roof in area 1 and a steel structure with a tensile membrane roof in area 2 will provide covered external space 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. Area 1 - existing hard landscaped area, area 2 - existing soft landscaped area, the addition of the structures is in order to enhance their all-weather properties.

4. Layout, Scale, Appearance and Access

1. Area 1 canopy has a footprint of 225m² and measures 15.0m (l) x 15.0m (w).

2. Area 2 canopy has a footprint of 195.75m² and measures 14.5m (l) x 13.5m (w).
3. In order to complement the adjacent buildings and existing structures, the canopies have curved roof profiles. The canopies are constructed in steel with a powder-coated finish and are in keeping with the adjacent building design.
4. Area 1 canopy is clad with translucent multiwall polycarbonate sheeting, which has been chosen for its durability and maximum light transmission.
5. Area 2 canopy is clad with a waterproof PVC tensile fabric which has been chosen for its durability and waterproof and aesthetic properties.
6. The structures are located in relation to the existing 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 the school with enhanced dining, seating and breakout space for its students, which will be suitable for use in all weathers.
2. The proposed structures will enhance the fundamental uses of the areas and create safe external spaces for students.
3. For these reasons it is requested that planning permission is granted.