

**Front Lawn Junior School
Creation Accessible Parking Area (2nr Accessible Parking
bays)**

Design and Access Statement

Details of Proposal:

Creation of accessible parking area (creation 2nr accessible parking bays)
Consequential improvements to pedestrian access into the site.

Circumstances:

Front Lawn Junior school forms part of Front Lawn Primary Academy. Front Lawn Infant school is located on the other side of Broadmere Avenue (as shown on drawing 200. The schools are now effectively run as one primary school.

The main driver for this work is to improve accessibility for building users. The school has a number of disabled pupils in attendance and the ethos towards inclusion is excellent.

The proposed works are being undertaken as part of work to meet the Local Education Authority's obligations under the Disability Discrimination provisions of the Equality Act, and under the Special Educational Needs and Disabilities Act 2001.

Parking on Broadmere Avenue is restricted due to the fact that the road is narrow. Parking is particularly difficult at school pick up/ drop off times. Parents of disabled children have received parking tickets from traffic wardens due to difficulties in parking.

Design Philosophy:

Location:

The location of the Accessible parking area has been selected on account of the following reasons:

- a. Close proximity to the main entrance to the junior school building;
- b. It makes use of an existing vehicular access off the highway, and a currently little used service access road into the site;
- c. Although travel to the infant school is approx. 180 metres away from the proposed accessible parking area, it is expected that this parking area would serve the infant school in addition to the junior school until such time as parking in the infant school can be improved. Although, it should be noted that the infant school site is very constrained in terms of space. The travel distance may be reduced at some time in the future if an additional dropped kerb crossing point can be provided on Broadmere Ave in a better location. Although pedestrian travel to the infant school site is 180 metres, the route is level.

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Design:

The accessible parking area has been set out so as to ensure that it will comply with the design requirements as set out in Approved Document M of the Building Regulations. Standard sized parking bays are supplemented by 1200mm wide hatched areas between the bays, and behind the bays. The bay markings will also include wheelchair pictogram symbols and signs at the head of the bays to indicate that the bays are reserved for 'badge holders only'

The proposals include for widening one existing footpath to achieve 1800mm clear width. This will allow wheelchair users to pass other wheelchair users, buggies etc. The footpath will also be resurfaced, and a dropped kerb crossing point will be provided together with zebra crossing markings to improve the prominence of the crossing point.

Scale:

Provision of two accessible parking bays provides more flexibility in the accessible parking provision, given that the parking bays will be used for pick up/ drop off by parents of disabled students, in addition to use by disabled members of staff and ad hoc disabled visitors visiting the school. The provision of two accessible parking bays also takes into account that the bays may be used by both the infant and junior school sites.