

Design and Access Statement

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Hillcrest Jubilee School, Waterlooville



INTRODUCTION

This Design & Access statement has been prepared to support the following proposal: New stand alone 2 classroom teaching block.

Hillcrest Jubilee School provides education for students identified as having profound behavioural, emotional, social and mental health difficulties.

The pupils may also have other learning difficulties associated with attachment disorders. The education is provided in a structured yet supportive environment and is planned to meet both the academic and pastoral needs of young people at every stage of their schooling.

Hillcrest Care is an independantly owned and operated social enterprise organisation providing care to various sectors of the community.

It currently operates nine specialist children's homes in England. Hillcrest also run eight fully registered DfE schools which provide full curriculum coverage through qualified teachers and support staff.

Hillcrest Care offers:

- High Quality Ofsted registered childrens homes in both rural & urban settings.
- DfE registered special schools providing full curriculum & vocational training.
- A child centred therapeutic approach to care.
- High ratios of qualified and experienced staff.

Hillcrest Care is part of The Outcomes First Group and has it's headquarters at Langstone House Solent Road, Havant, Hampshire PO9 1TR



3D View of proposed classrooms

SITE CONTEXT

Hillcrest Jubilee School lies approximately 0.4 km north of Waterlooville town centre and consists of a modern two-storey building with car parking to the front. The unit comprises 511 sq m of floorspace. Access is from Jubilee Road.

Jubilee Road is divided into two sections, the northern end being accessed from the A3, London Road, and the southern end accessed from Milton Road.

The site is bounded on either side by industrial units, and to the rear backs onto Jubilee Park. Forward of the industrial units are a residential property currently occupied by one of the owners of the building, and to the east of the site there is a day centre. The location has a mix of residential and commercial properties.

The immediate area surrounding the application site has a variety of both residential and industrial uses, the commercial premises are generally located on the southern side of the road and associated with the Aston Road industrial estate.

Waterlooville is a largely suburban town, which grew rapidly during the 20th century absorbing a number of villages and hamlets. It lies principally along the line of the old A3, London-Portsmouth Road.



HILLCREST JUBILEE SCHOOL

The school currently employs 15 staff consisting of 4 teachers, 3 instructors for specialist teaching, 2 care staff, 1 administrator and 5 teaching assistants.

Jubilee School is registered with the DFE for 22 students aged 8 - 18. Many of the young people reside in local homes offered by Hillcrest Childrens Services, however some may come from foster placements or from local families that need a specialist provision that can work with their children. Jubilee offers a partnership with all those concerned with the young person's welfare.

Day students are also placed through local authorities as Hillcrest has expertise in addressing learning difficulties and complex needs often associated with Autistic spectrum conditions.

The school teaches the national curriculum, follows the same term structure and holidays as other schools in the county and is open weekdays from 9.00am to 3pm. It does not open in the evenings, at weekends or during school holiday periods.



THE PROPOSAL

Due to the number of students increasing there is a need to provide two new classrooms with male, female & accessible w.c.'s.

A single storey modular classroom building will be located in front of the existing building within the car parking area.

While a number of parking spaces will be lost there will still be parking for 15 vehicles including one disabled space.

Children and staff normally arrive each day by people carrier from the various local care homes. Other than occasional school inspectors, social workers, deliveries etc. few visitors are anticipated.

A 1.2m high fence to match the existing is proposed separating the play area from the car park. The play area is to have a new flexible porous paving surface and there is to be a new secure access gate providing direct access to Jubilee park at the rear.

CONCLUSION

This single storey modular building will cause minimal impact to the existing site with car parking remaining at an acceptable level.

It is considered that the proposal would represent an acceptable use in this location and it is therefore respectfully requested that planning permission be granted.

