

St Clare's Pre-School

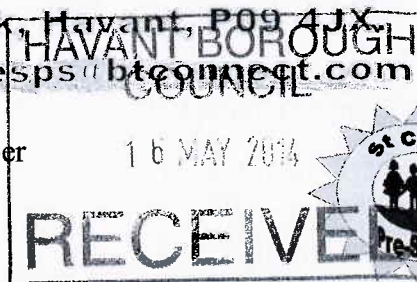


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PLANNING DESIGN AND ACCESS STATEMENT

With reference to the enclosed planning application (GEN/14/00297) I would like to include the following points for consideration and information.

- 1/ Fencing for the boundary – I have enclosed specification and pictures to show what this can look like. This type of fencing is now used in a lot of schools because of its durability; it is difficult to climb and is not restrictive of view or light. We hope to have the fence colour green so that it is keeping with the environment and nice for residence to look at whilst offering a high level of security. The fence will be 2 meters in height from ground level. – See document H and Picture I for the proposed type of fencing we wish to use.
- 2/ Planting – We will plant low level flowers in tubs and pots that will be distributed internally around the boundary fencing. This will be a project for the children whilst offering an educational value and add to their play environment.
- 3/ Access to the land (new play area) will be from within the pre-school (10 Strouden Court). We will have a quick release “fire exit” gate fitted at the end of the building as indicated on picture (E) to enable evacuation from the play area in the event of a fire.
- 4/ Times of use – The pre-school was granted planning permission within the times of 8am – 5pm the garden area would need the same use however children only attend the pre-school between the hours of 08.30 and 15.30 and any extension of these times would only be in exceptional circumstances.
- 5/ Need for additional space – The pre-school can currently accommodate up to 65 children (internally) but our garden area for this number of children is relatively small which means we have to put restrictions in place for how many access it and for how long to ensure all children have the opportunity. If we were successful in our application all of the children would be able to access all the outside area and we would be able to increase our learning opportunities for planting, growing, nature, physical exercise to list just a few.
- 6/ Advantages – If we are successful we will be responsible for up keeping the trees and grass, it will also prevent further dumping of rubbish and fly tipping which is a constant problem. Removal of the wall which is the current boundary will prevent children from accessing the roof which at this time is a problem to local residents and our neighbours as children are using the wall to get up on the roof and this only happens once the pre-school is closed and continues on into the evening.
- 7/ Play equipment – this is generally got out and put away daily for safety reasons and stored in our shed. We have no plans for any large fixed play equipment, or to leave any equipment out in the play area that might attract attention.
- 8/ Parking – parking within the local area will not be affected by our application.