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PLANNING STATEMENT

May 2014

**PROPOSED EXTENSION TO REAR OF EXISTING
GYM HALL TO PROVIDE STORAGE FOR
OVERSPILL GYM AND DRAMA EQUIPMENT**

AT

**PURBROOK PARK SCHOOL,
WATERLOOVILLE**

Purbrook Park School is a traditional, high achieving Foundation and Trust co-educational comprehensive school currently educating up to 840 children. It is situated in Purbrook, a suburban area of Hampshire at the western tip of the South Downs. Purbrook Park Trust was set up in 2009 and supports the school on its journey towards excellence.

Purbrook Park has been a school since 1925. Many buildings have been added to around the original house. The Science block was built in 1962 shortly followed by the Hall, Gym and C Block. In the 1980s the Sports Hall was completed and a new wing was added, which is now known as A Block. Apart from the addition of a new Food Technology room built in 2010, there has been little recent capital investment in the school buildings.

On the northern side of the school site lies the old caretaker's house, the school kitchen, canteen, school hall, and music classroom and practice rooms, leading through to the sports hall and gym.

The existing site area forms part of a hard surfaced service yard to the rear of the gym hall and adjacent to the existing boiler room. The proposed single storey external lean-to building measures 80m² (GIA) and is located approximately 8 and 11m from adjacent site boundaries. It is intended to provide secure covered storage for overspill gym and drama equipment, and to free up space within existing gym/sports accommodation for better use. The store is sub-divided by means of an internal partition to create an external sports equipment store and internal equipment store. The store will be linked internally to the existing gym hall via 2 No. internal double leafed doorsets, and externally to the existing tarmac service area via an external double door, with localised regrading of existing tarmac finishes.

Following earlier liaison with David Eaves, the Senior Planning Officer at Havant Borough Council, on the 2nd May 2014 a pre app enquiry (Ref: GEN/14/00474) was made to ascertain whether the proposed gym store extension could be considered as 'permitted development' within the package of summer enabling works, in connection with wider scale extensions, internal remodelling and sports field development works under separate applications. However, on the 16th May, David Eaves confirmed his opinion that the development would require planning permission.

The proposed building is modest in scale relative to adjacent gym hall buildings and remote from the main public frontage of the school. Construction access is intended from the side access road direct to the existing service yard area where the building is to be located.

Completion of the store extension is intended to facilitate the removal from site of 2 No. existing external storage containers from within this service yard area.