

Planning Application APP/25/00335 Public Service Plaza, Civic Centre Road, Havant,
PO9 2AX

Proposed Change of Use of amenity space associated with the Public Service Plaza to outside play area for children attending Growing Places Nursery. Associated erection of a boundary fence with 1No pedestrian gate and 1No double gate to allow grass cutting.

From a landscape perspective we have the following comments in relation to this application:

- The creation of an outside space for the nursery is a great idea and will allow children to get fresh air and play outside.
- I have some concerns with the public nature of the service plaza amenity and the potential safe guarding issues with young children, this is exacerbated by the lack of natural surveillance and visual permeability of the proposed fence style.
- The proposed anti-climb fence is considered to alter the open green character of amenity space, however this is only at a micro level and would be deemed acceptable.
- A possible solution to both soften the impact of the fence, mitigate the visual permeability and also add biodiversity improvements would be to plant a UK native hedgerow around the perimeter (where appropriate) and/or include self supporting climbers (clematis, Jasminum, Ionicera etc.)

Kind regards,

Harry Mitchell CMLI
Chartered Landscape Architect
Havant Borough Council