

KENSINGTON PRIMARY SCHOOL
BRAE STREET
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EARLY YEARS EXTENSION
&
RELOCATION OF AN EXISTING OPEN CANOPY

**DESIGN
&
ACCESS STATEMENT**

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Design Considerations

The School is under pressure to expand from a 2 form entry to a 2 ½ to 3 form entry at the Reception / Key Stage One intake stage.

There is a significant family housing development (Bellway Homes) between Royston Street & Gladstone Road (running parallel with Edge Lane). There is also a large plot of land opposite the School between Bell Tower Lane (formally Wimpole St) and Edge Lane that is ripe for housing development.

This is moving families into the area with an increased area population, with a demand for Infant School placement.

There is also the added pressure of infant births in the City as stated in the Liverpool Echo 23 10 2014:

Mini baby boom in Liverpool prompts city leaders to increase primary school places

A mini baby boom in Liverpool over the last few years has meant extra primary school places have had to be created.

City schools could be up to 300 places short as a result of a mixture of an increased birth rate in recent years, coupled with a growth in population.

And with the trend continuing, there could be an extra 4,000 youngsters in the city by 2019 – all needing a spot in local schools.

<http://www.liverpoolecho.co.uk/news/liverpool-news/mini-baby-boom-liverpool-prompts-7984979>

The school does have plans for an extension to suit a Key Stage 2 expansion of pupils, however this has been mothballed at this stage until it is required when younger groups progress to the Junior level. It is also unaffordable at present and not meeting the current demand needs for younger pupils' access to this Primary School.

It has been decided that the best way to meet the identified needs is to provide an extension to the Early Years (east) end of the building replacing an existing canopy and remodelling some of the internal space to provide more standard classroom dedicated teaching spaces (e.g. an existing art room to be converted to a full classroom and the art area moved to a more suitable space).

Firstly the canopy will be moved, a simple operation for an item on six legs and as the plan of the school is fairly uniform (east and west end) it will be moved to the other end of the site (west end) to provide playground shelter.

Canopy shelter to be moved to the west end of the site and replaced with an extension on the same



Proposed Extension

It is proposed to build a single storey conventional best match brick (buff multi) building extension approximately 48m² on plan at the east end of the existing building. It will be fitted with a mono pitched lean-to corrugated steel composite panel plastisol coated roof (RAL7046 to match the existing roof and high wall cladding). Fenestration will match the existing aluminium profile windows and be powder coated RAL7035.

Surface mounted security shutters will be fitted to doors and windows, with a powder coated finish of RAL7046. (Note; the school has some built-in shutters, but they are proving more difficult and costly to maintain)

General

As an LEA maintained school accessibility is of the highest priority. Accessibility is considered prior to any decision about site improvements, curriculum changes, parental access and changes in the local needs

As an LEA maintained school, the School has adopted Liverpool City Council's *Access for All* policy.

The School built in 2002 meets all of the accessibility requirements of BS8300 and Building Regulations Part M, K, etc.

The School & the Designer has access to the *Merseyside Code of Practice on Access & Mobility*.

The school will continue to include / resolve accessibility issues in building projects and will review general accessibility & procure improvements

The information provided in this design & access statement is considered appropriate to the scale of this development

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