

Planning Statement

The proposed site for development is the outdoor provision for Reception children at a well-established, state sector primary school. The school is situated in a housing estate and surrounded by a number of residential roads.

Access to the site will be provided through the school's main gates, using the car park as a compound for materials, equipment, and waste disposal. Plant will access the development area by entering the school grounds through the main gates, across the front playground, and into the Reception play space.

HGV movement will be limited to one visit in order to deliver the loose materials required to complete the groundworks. All other deliveries of resources and materials will be made by transit van, with spoil being removed by a skip wagon.

Hours of operation will be between 8am and 4.30pm, Monday to Friday. There will be no work or deliveries undertaken outside of these hours or over the weekend.

Access to neighbouring houses, the community, etc will not be impeded at any stage of the development and therefore no consultation on issues relating to access to the development has been required.

The works include undertaking 160m² of dynamic baseworks (soil removed, 50mm MOT Type 1 stone, 25mm grit sand (both compacted), weed suppressant membrane laid) where grass and old paving currently are, and this entire area will be carpeted in porous artificial grass in a natural green colour. The remaining surfacing work, be it additional artificial grass or rubber wetpour, will be installed as an overlay on top of the existing rubber wetpour surface and therefore no groundworks are required. The total amount of surfacing being installed is 342m². Once the groundworks and surfacing are completed, the lay of the land will mirror the existing topography.

There will also be no increase in water use in the area as there will be no additional children using the play area, and the closest possible constraint – Warnham Local Nature Reserve – is over 0.7km away.

Please note that the two trees shown in the Site Block Plan have been removed by the school due to posing a safety risk to the children and therefore no vegetation will be affected.

7 linear metres of bow-top timber fencing will also be installed and will act as a safety barrier where the new wetpour rubber roadway will be laid. The fencing is made from high-pressure treated 'play grade' timber and is 900mm high.

No additional lighting, parking, or changes to access will occur.