The National Autistic Society

Ground Floor Extension, Thurnscoe House, 10 The Mews, Thrunscoe, Rotherham S63 0ST

Supplementary Information

The Proposal

The National Autistic Society recently purchased the newly constructed Thurnscoe House to provide a Registered Childrens' Home for children with Autistic Spectrum Disorders who attend our nearby Special School, The Robert Ogden School, (also located in Thurnscoe). Children were previously accommodated in a facility some distance away in Silkstone.

Shortly after becoming operational the Home was visited by a Barnsley Council Environmental Health Officer who required us to alter the access to the Laundry Room to avoid dirty washing being carried through the kitchen. We have looked at various ways of complying with this requirement and conclude that by constructing an access corridor to the front of the house we can achieve separate access to the Laundry and provide a small administration office which would enable the existing office space to be converted to a Sensory Room, a facility that the home is currently lacking and which has proved to be of great benefit to children with Autistic Spectrum Disorders.

Design Statement

The proposed extension is to be constructed in style and materials to compliment the appearance of the existing building using matching brickwork and UPVC windows and with a 'lead effect' Sarnafil single ply membrane covering the mono pitch roof, complete with reconstituted stone capping to the gable parapets, to add detail.

The existing building is set well back from the public highway, (the land to the front of our property is currently undeveloped) and the proposed extension will be largely screened from view from adjacent properties.

Access Statement

As an organisation The National Autistic Society works to improve the lives of those with a particular disability but also recognises the needs of those with other disabilities. The main enttyrance to this building is not wheel chair accessible although more level access is available at the rear of the building. We do provide purpose built wheelchair accessible residential accommodation at our main campus site at The Robert Ogden School.

Flood Risk and Rainwater Management

The Environment Agency does not regard the site as within an area of Flood Risk. As far as we are aware the site has no history of previous flooding.

The new extension will be sited on an area of existing impermeable tarmac surface and will therefore not create additional surface water run-off. Rainwater from the roof will be directed into existing surface water drainage.

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