DESIGN AND ACCESS STATEMENT

LOCATION: Dearne Carrfield Primary School, Highgate Lane, Bolton-on-Dearne, Rotherham S63 8AL.
DESCRIPTION: Extension to Reception Class Area (Rooms RM 36A, 36B, 36C &36D), Extension to Main Entrance Area (Room RM 01), Infill Extensions to Semi-Open Entrance Areas Into Key Stage 1 & 2 (Rooms RM 32, 32A, 32B & Rooms RM 35, 35A)

Dearne Carrfield Primary School is located on Highgate Road at Bolton-on-Dearne which is mostly residential. The playing fields to the rear of the school back onto Council owned bungalows.

The proposals for this application are to provide extra teaching space and an improved Main Entrance Foyer Area.

Site & Physical Context

The school is on Highgate Road which is mostly residential. There is a large recreation/playing field adjacent to the site (not part of the school). The dwellings surrounding the school are mostly Council/Housing Association owned properties. The School playing fields to the rear back onto Council owned bungalows.

The Building

The present building is a traditional cavity brick construction with a flat felt roof. The existing brickwork to the whole school is a mixture of grey, red and buff in various areas. Most of the windows have been replaced with white upvc double glazed. Most of the external doors have been replaced with white aluminium doors. There are still some old timber external doors in the building.

Brief and Design Principles

The extensions are part of a general refurbishment of toilet and circulation areas within the school. A number of improvements will be carried out simultaneously throughout, providing one new classroom and one-to-one teaching areas.
The infill extensions to the semi-open entrance areas will be built under the existing overhanging roof using brickwork to match existing.
The new extension to the Reception Class (Reception in this case means pre-school aged children) will incorporate a new classroom, storage and a new entrance area with cloakroom facilities. This will be built in facing brickwork to match existing to the playground elevation, and through colour render (colour – burgundy, which are the school colours) to the other two elevations. The roof for this extension will be a flat roof – the profile of which will continue the existing profile of the main building.
The new office/main entrance extension will be built with a through colour render finish (colour – burgundy) with a flat felt roof.