

Design and Access Statement
Pram and Buggy Shelter – Dodworth and Gilroyd Children’s Centre,
Saville Road, Gilroyd, Barnsley, S75 3QB

The proposed planning request seeks approval for the erection of a single pram and buggy shelter to be located to land to the front right hand side of the Dodworth and Gilroyd Children’s Centre, Saville Road, Gilroyd, Barnsley S75 3QB. The shelter will be located within the securely fenced boundary of the Children’s Centre and sited on a concrete base.

The site location is both sensitive to the environment and unobtrusive. The shelter is intended to provide secure, safe and sheltered storage for prams and buggies belonging to parents who access the Children’s Centre.

The shelter has been identified as needed in view of the limited storage space for prams and buggies within the Children’s Centre. The Children’s Centre has recently seen increased usage of the premises as a range of family services are being established at the Centre. Children’s Centre services are targeted at families with children under 5 years of age. A large number of Centre users use prams and buggies to transport younger children to the Centre’s activities and in view of limited capacity to store these it has been identified that an external storage shelter would be of benefit to the community.

The shelter comprises of a fixed shelter which will be located on a concrete base. The construction materials of the shelter comprises of galvanised box section steel powder coated to a colour appropriate to the environment. The shelter will have open front access and will be 4m in width.

The area of land on which the shelter will be located will be sensitively landscaped and maintained by the caretaker who has responsibility for the upkeep of the Children’s Centre and its grounds. The shelter is openly accessible to Centre users during the operational hours of the Children’s Centre (8.00am – 6.00pm). The provision of a shelter will reduce health and safety risks associated with overcrowding in the Children’s Centre premises and will ensure that the site is ‘child friendly’ in meeting the needs of its clientele.