

**PRE-SCHOOL NURSERY
HALIFAX ROAD, THURGOLAND, SHEFFIELD S35 7AL
PROPOSED EXTENSION**

Design Statement

The original pre-school nursery building was built nearly 10 years ago to meet the child care needs of local parents and give very young children in the area the experience of life outside their immediate family. The building originally provided for children from 2 to 5, but did not have the additional, separate facilities required for children under two. Since its inception, there has been local demand for child care facilities for babies and children under two, and the applicant now wishes to extend the premises to provide these facilities.

The existing building is located on land at the rear of the Thurgoland C of E Primary School facing onto the school's playing field. The proposal is build to the rear of the pre-school building so that the extension can be easily accessed of the existing entrance, and the outdoor play area at the far end can be extended to serve the extension as well. The site is currently a sloping grassed area with two trees adjoining the site and one tree within the proposed area that will require removal.



Photo 1. View of the proposed site showing the tree to be removed. The existing pre-school building is to the right of the picture. The site levels will be reduced to so that the new extension will tie in with the floor of the pre-school building.



Photo 2. Shows the tree to be removed. The tree is an ash. It is not in a healthy condition, as the photo shows, parts of the upper limbs have died.

The extension will take the form of the existing building with a shallow pitched roof and clad with a textured/rendered material. It will continue with the style of the original building so that on completion it will fit naturally with it. However, because of its location the extension will be

largely unseen from the surrounding area, being concealed by the original building and the existing stone boundary wall.

The extension is a simple rectangle in plan divided into a main activity area that opens on to the outdoor play space, a kitchenette for preparing children's snacks and babies feed, a child's WC and babies sleeping area. The overall area provides space for a maximum of 10 children, and should comply with the OFSTED 'The Early Years Foundation Stage Statutory Framework'.

Access Statement

The existing building currently has level access with a ramped approach from an existing footpath, which connects via the playground to Halifax Road. None of this will be affected by the proposed extension. Internally the existing building is accessible throughout and provides an Access WC. The proposed extension will also be accessible, although the WC is small scale intended for use by toddlers and open to the activity area. It does not replace the need for the Access WC in the other part of the building. There will be level access from the activity area to the external play space.

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