

Design and Access Statement

To accompany the Planning Application for the

Extension to the Hunni Bee's Children Centre at Hunningley Primary School, Barnsley

For Barnsley MBC – Sure Start - Children, Young People and Families

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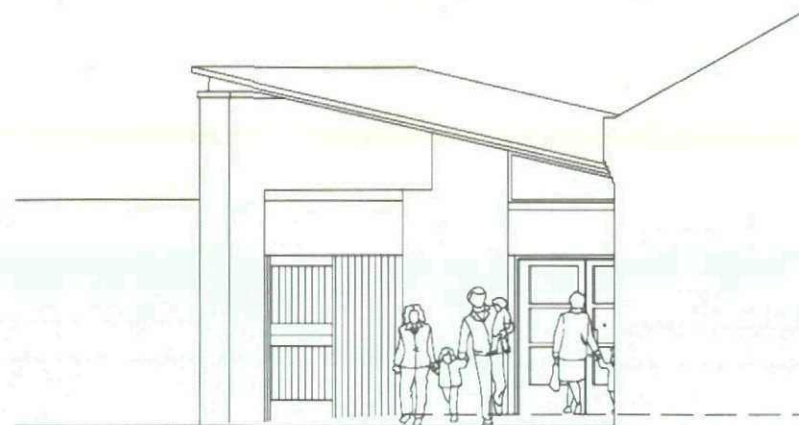
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Design Statement

Hunni Bee's Sure Start Children Centre is attached and to the rear of Hunningley Primary School is located to the South of Barnsley on Hunningley Lane. The school grounds contain the main school building, attached Children's Centre, hard standing play areas and grassed playing field to the front and rear. It is proposed to extend the existing Children's Centre and to alter the existing entrance area to form the additional facilities for the local community and users of the Children's Centre. The extension facilities will include a community support meeting room, health visitor room with associated facilities and altering the entrance area whilst maintaining a welcoming approach. During the works the existing external storage room will be lost in order to form the community support facility and therefore it is proposed this will be replaced within the extension to maintain the storage facility for outdoor play toys.



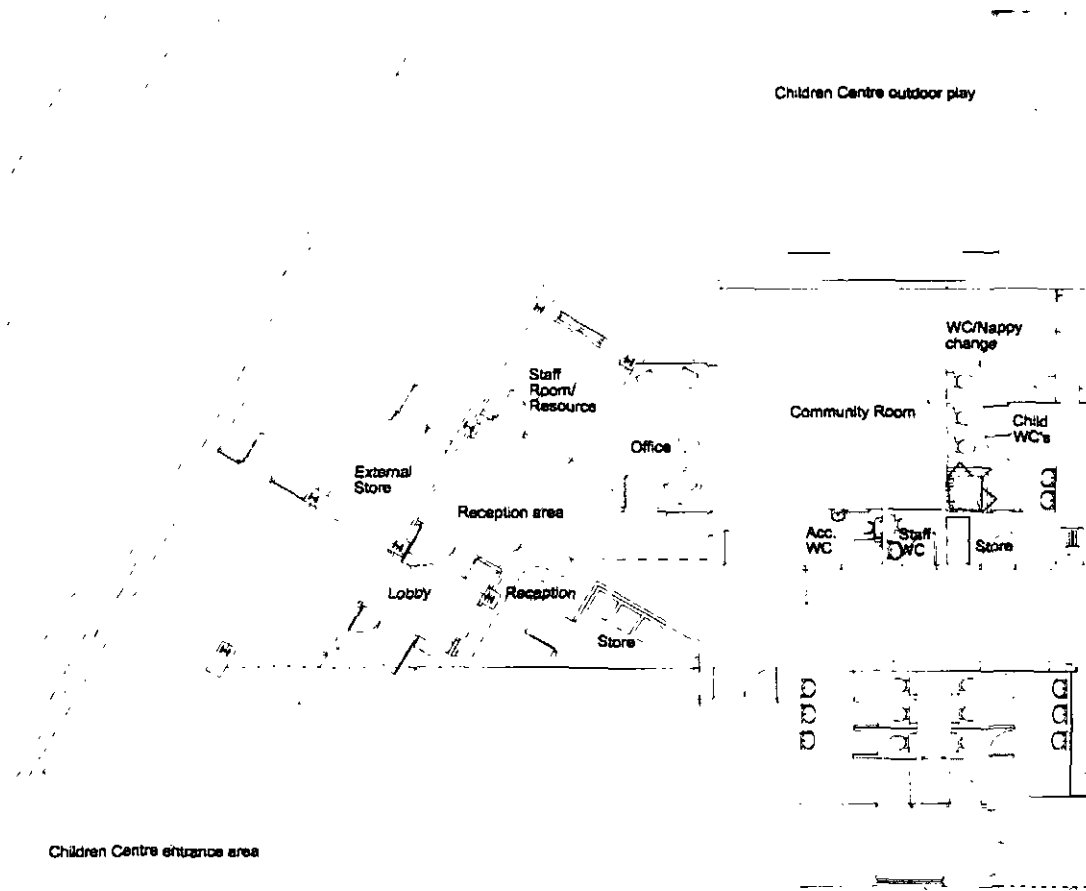
Existing perspective entrance elevation to the Children's Centre

Background and Current Condition

The school building was constructed during the early 1970's and various updating, refurbishment and extension works have been carried out over the years including an extension to the Children's Centre in 2005. These works also included extensive internal refurbishment works to the Children's Centre and school. The extension has been finished in a pale brick and with both a flat roof and feature pitched roof forming the entrance area to the Centre.

The extension and refurbishment works have both white uPVC windows and feature coloured aluminium doors. Internally the Children's Centre is in good condition following the works in 2005 and is a lively, successful and well-used community facility.

Hunni Bee's does not currently require additional facilities for the children on a day to day basis as the works carried out during 2005 have provided sufficient play, teaching and group spaces. Minor alterations have been carried out internally since 2005 to continue the spaces to respond to the needs of the organisation and of the children attending the Centre. It does currently lack facilities for staff and for additional needs of the community and users of the Children's Centre. The current office and staff areas are restricted in size for the duties and needs that are undertaken on daily basis and these impacts on the services the Centre can provide. The 'office' and 'staff room/resource' are also used for private meetings, community support meetings, staff meetings, administration, as a staff room facility and resource, community computer resource and health visitor/midwife consultations but these are limited due to the restricted space, privacy and appropriate facilities.

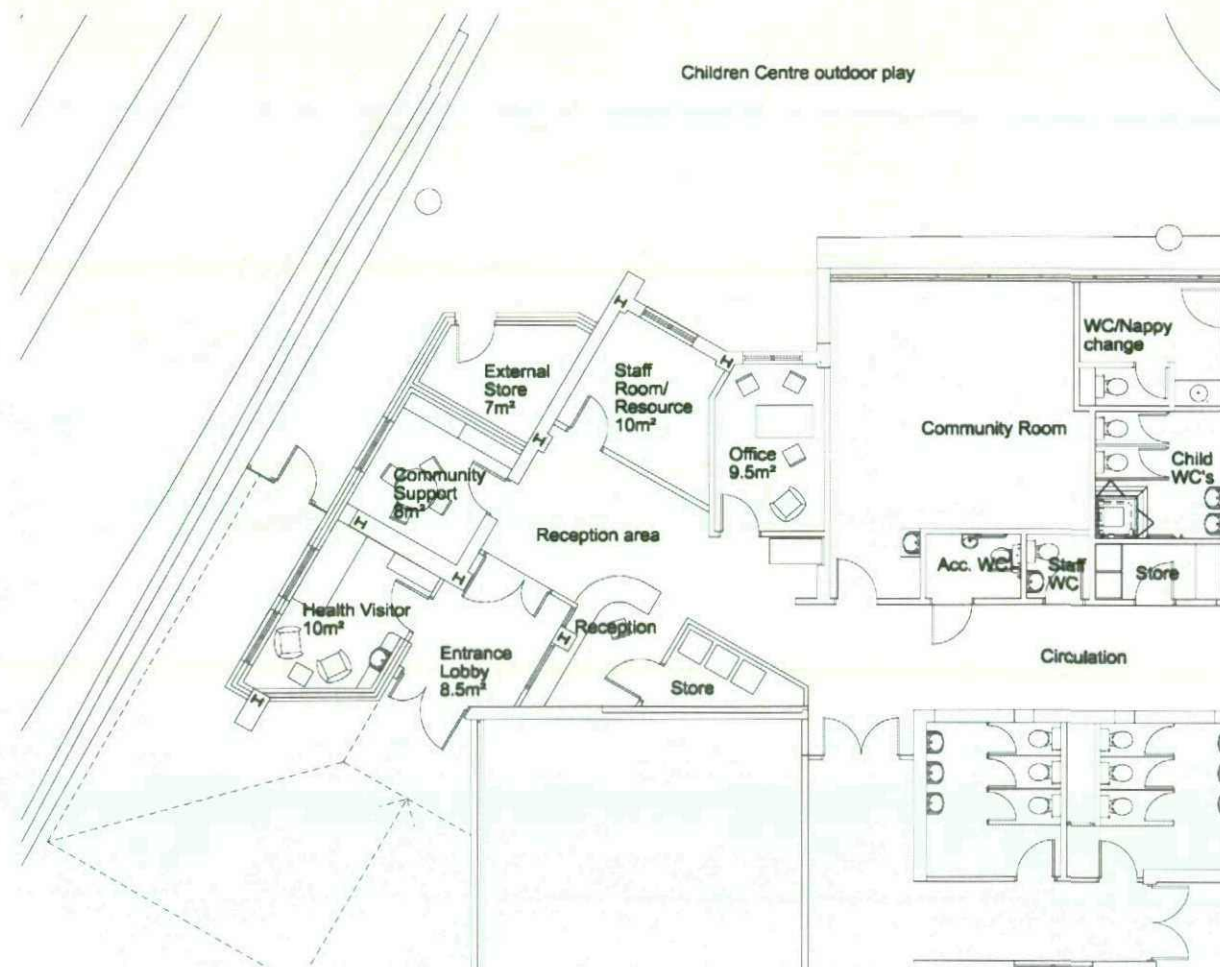


The existing Children Centre entrance area with current staff facilities

The Proposal

In summary, it is proposed to extend to the east of the 2005 steel frame extension to the Children's Centre to provide the additional facilities of an 8m² Community Support room, 10m² Health Visitor room and a replacement 7m² External Store as well as subsequent alterations to the entrance. The

proposed works will help form a community facility providing access to the required services and resources for not only the existing Children's Centre users but also the local community. The existing area of the Children's Centre is 572m² and the proposed extension area is 25m².



The proposed extension to the east of the existing Children's Centre

The Extension and Refurbishment Works

The proposed extension to the east of the existing Children's Centre provide the required additional facilities. It is proposed to utilise steel within the existing canopy structure over the entrance area for part of the extension works. Externally, the 2005 extension and original school building is clad in pale brick and it is therefore proposed for the majority of the extension works to continue this materiality with an exception for the new Children's Centre entrance.



The proposed entrance elevation to the Children's Centre

The extension works provide an opportunity for the centre to form a new welcoming and exciting façade to the entrance area and therefore it is proposed this will be clad vertically and horizontally in treated cedar timber cladding and off-white render combined with new stainless steel signage. The timber cladding will compliment the pale brick in materiality whilst providing a feature entrance. The extension is designed to enhance and improve the

current facilities and appearance of Hunni Bee's to form adequate access to required resources as well as improving the overall appearance on approach.

The proposed extension will partially use and take on the form of the existing dramatic pitch roof to the entrance area and the remainder to the south east will form a single pitch roof line gently sloping to assist in rainwater drainage. The new single pitch roof will use a 'Trocol' single ply membrane in dark grey to compliment the existing dark grey asphalt and single ply membrane roof materials on the school building and Children's Centre.

Aesthetically the extension works form an identity for Hunni Bee's Children Centre as although attached to Hunningley Primary School, they largely operate independently to provide a learning and educational facility for young children as well as parents and families within the local area.

Landscaping

The landscaping works in the proposal will include remedial resurfacing to the entrance area which will become disrupted during the extension works. This is also the case to the rear of the extension which is adjacent to the outdoor play facility for the Children's Centre. The resurfacing works will match the existing tarmac finish.

Access Statement

The route for vehicle access to the Hunni Bee's Children Centre is shared with Hunningley Primary School through a long driveway from Hunningley Lane. The driveway leads to car parking for the Children's Centre from which single level gated pedestrian access leads to the entrance. This route of access is not altered in the proposal, although aesthetic alterations to the

entrance will occur during the works. Pedestrian access to the Centre is also from Hunningley Lane onto a footpath alongside the school driveway and to the main school entrance and Children's Centre. No alterations will be made to the pedestrian access during the works.

It is not anticipated the proposal will have any affect on the number of vehicles entering the school and Children's Centre site on a daily basis following the works as the Centre does not plan to increase staff numbers following the works.

The existing building and proposal extension are both single storey and entirely accessible to all, there will be level access throughout the Children's Centre, with flush thresholds at all doors. The Children's Centre currently enables disabled and ambient disabled children and parents to use the facilities and this will be continued in the extension works.

The topography of the extension site is largely flat which will result in minimal levelling works to be included within the proposed works to the new entrance area.