DESIGN AND ACCESS STATEMENT

DESCRIPTION: Extensions to Buttercup Children's Centre
LOCATION: Darfield Road, Cudworth, Barnsley S72 8HG

Buttercup Children's Centre is located within Birkwood Primary School at Cudworth.

The proposals for this application are to provide the extra space required by OFSTED for the number of under 2 year old children using this 'Day Centre'.

Site & Physical Context

The site is on Darfield Road at Cudworth. The surrounding neighbourhood is mainly council owned residential properties. These are mostly traditional built semi-detached houses and bungalows, but there are some privately owned detached houses close-by. The site is currently owned by Barnsley MBC and is a Primary School and Children's Day Centre. Pedestrian and vehicular accesses to the school are from Darfield Road.

The Building

The present collection of buildings which form the school are generally of a traditional cavity brick construction with either reconstituted slate or profiled tile roofing. The brickwork to the external walls is red and buff. The external areas to the new extension in the Children's Centre area are currently used as circulation/play for under 2 year olds. The external area to the new extension in the meeting room area is currently used for circulation (ie. Parents dropping children off at the Nursery next door).

The Brief & Design Principles

The brief was to provide extra day-care facilities/spaces for an additional number of under-2 year old children. These spaces are a badly needed in an area where day-care for these children are in short supply.
A number of internal improvements/alterations will be carried out during the works, but the bulk of the scheme will be the provision of the two extensions.
The extension to the children's area will be built using traditional brick cavity walls. Render will be used as a finish to these. The existing roof will be removed and extended at a lower pitch to include the new extension. The existing tiles are not appropriate for the lower roof pitch, so Kinszip 500 roof sheet will be used.
The walls to the extension of the Meeting room are red brick cavity wall. The roof is constructed using a grey 'Mendip' style clay tile. New walls and roof will match existing on this extension.