

**ARCHITECTS SECTION
DEPARTMENT OF OPERATIONS
BUILDING SURVEYING SECTION
ROOM 7, GROUND FLOOR,
BURY TOWN HALL
BURY, BL9 0SH**



CLIENT : CHANTLERS PRIMARY SCHOOL -DESIGN & ACCESS STATEMENT

SCHOOL AGENT : Building Surveying, Architects Section, Operation Department, Bury Council

PLANNING PORTAL REFERENCE :

BACKGROUND : The original school was built in late 1973 (opened in November 1974) has part of the programme to cater for the birth rate increase and demand for school places, using the standardised form of low level single story “Onward” construction adopted by Lancashire Council throughout the county. Chantlers is located on a cul-de-sac location on Foulds Avenue off Ainsworth Road out of the Bury centre.

Over the years the school has had the following major projects requiring planning permission :-

PLAN REF		YEAR
	Foundation Unit extension 07	2007
	New pre-school modular unit	
67922	New extension to provide front elevation new reception & offices	2022
69111	New extension to provide 12 place pupil SEMH unit to Northern elevation	2022

The school had wanted a canopy provision with the 2022 SEMH planning application (REF : 69111) outside the northern bi-fold doors (amended REF 69830 from original window design) but funding was not within the Children Services criteria, so was not pursued.

APPLICATION : The school’s main application elements in this submission is for :-

- An 8000 mm x 4100mm (pitched roof size) x 2586 mm high, open three sided canopy (yet to be erected on site)
- An additional 2469 mm (wide) x 3105mm (long) x 2540 mm high metal storage unit , with opening front door currently finished in a white gloss paint, that was put onto site in August 2024. The unit was originally a temporary materials store for the main construction contractor on site for the SEMH extension listed above.

The school would also like the authority to consider the following retrospective application for development either the current head teacher / business manager or predecessors have put on size believing that they were permitted :-

- Open sided gazebo 7500 m (long) x 3600 mm (width) x 2450 mm (high) pitched roof sizes, adjacent to the inner earlier years playground adjacent to a classroom. The

unit has been on site for approximately 4 years and is constructed in timber (stained) with a fabric type roof.

- A hexagon “forest school” timber unit building classroom 1890 mm wide x 2100 mm high (x8) 2000mm high with a eight segmented felted roof brought onto site approximately 7-8 years ago. HEGAGONAL Area is located to the western elevation to the end of the Stapleford Grove cul-de-sac entrance onto school.

SUPPORT INFORMATION FOR MAIN APPLICATION ELEMENTS

- ❖ CANOPY : The new phase two extension resource provision’s main classroom is currently at pupil capacity because of an intake and the head teacher Mr Barlow is requesting the canopy to provide a break-out space /covered outdoor activity space for the children’s needs. Frame to be aluminium powder coated RAL 7000 (Squirrel Gray) with roof and rainwater goods to be moon dust.
- ❖ STORAGE UNIT: Generally all schools are generally short of storage space and undersized staff rooms that do not meet current staff capacity because of part- and full-time diversity of roles. The phase one extension of 2023 as well has created a new reception /office, also increased the size of the staff room into 2 existing adjacent storerooms. The external storage unit proposal is to compensate and take the items / equipment that were in these two storerooms. As stated above if the outside elevations need to be “softened “ then school is willing to re-paint or screen to lessen the affect.

RETROSPECTIVE APPLICATIONS: School through either previous head teachers or business managers knowledge were unaware of the need for statutory approval of any fixed items above 2 m high on site to have an application and approval to the LA. In view of the time that has elapsed with the structures on site without objections it is presumed that these can be viewed as permitted development. The aim of this is combined application is to formalise these past site developments.

APPLICATION DOCUMENTATION

The following is included in the application :-

DOCUMENT REF	DOCUMENT INFORMATION
DOC ‘A’	SITE PLAN
DOC ‘B’	LOCATION PLAN
DOC ‘C’	SCHOOL DEVELOPMENTS (PROPOSED & EXISTING)
DOC ‘D’	PROPOSED CANOPY SUPPLIER DETAILS
DOC ‘E’	DESIGN & ACCESS STATEMENT

SITE PHOTOS



PHOTO 1: Existing rear Bi-fold doors (3 sections) the proposed location of the new canopy



PHOTO 2 : Return to the above elevation



PHOTO 3: Previous open sided timber (stained) gazebo (longer 7.5 m side view) put in place approximately 4 years ago, located alongside the early years playground. The main framing has bench type seating for teaching use in warm weather with an artificial inner grass floor for sitting -on.



PHOTOS 4 & 5: Showing smaller return 3.6 m wide and the grey fabric type roof



PHOTOS 5 & 6: Showing white, metal storage container (2.4 x 3.1 x 2.5 m high) brought onto site by the school in the summer of 2024 to compensate for the loss of internal storage space.



PHOTOS 7 & 8 : Showing previous eight sided (1.8 wide x 2.1 m high) outside teaching classroom with pitched felt roof brought onto site 7-8 years ago



PHOTO 9 : Showing above “forest school” timber octagon building from the higher school playground that is masked from view by the vegetation planting employed.

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