

PLANNING STATEMENT

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PROPOSED TEMPORARY FREE STANDING CANOPY INSTALLATION

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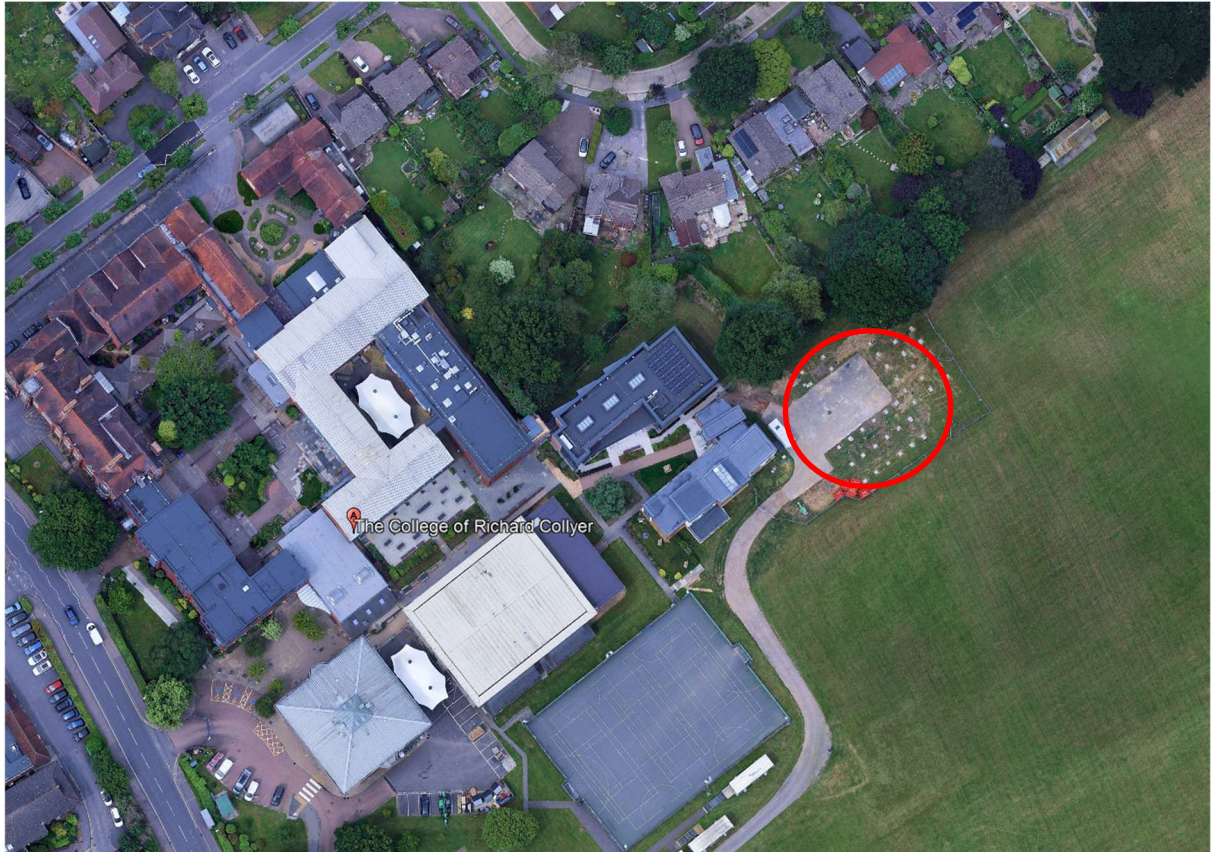
Description of location and building:

The proposal is to erect a fixed free-standing canopy located on the hard standing which forms a walkway between student classrooms.

The surrounding buildings comprise of 2 No. two storey Portakabin's and two single storey Portakabin's. The two single storey Portakabins are both offices for teaching staff.

The quadrangle classrooms are a satellite structure to the main college buildings which are accessed by paths from the main buildings and car parking area. There is also vehicle access between the main car park.





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Proposed installation:

The proposed canopy installation will serve as protection from the elements for the students and teachers transferring between classrooms.

Criteria:

The proposed canopy is identical to the two previously installed canopies in other parts of the college grounds in size, construction and colour. The most recent canopy installation was approved by Horsham District Council on Friday 22 March 2024 Reference DC/23/2136 Alternative Reference PP-12623482.

The proposed canopy will be a temporary structure, on the same basis as the planning conditions for the Portacabins (Application Number: DC/24/0664 Condition 2) and will be removed by 1 September 2028. There is no further loss of playing field land as a result of this proposal, or the balance across the site as a whole (the area of hardstanding was previously playing field land and will be returned as such once the cabins are removed).

The classroom activities generates frequent travel by students and teachers between the classrooms in this area during the school's daily schedule.

The objective is to seek a solution to the disruption severe weather conditions have created to the movement of the students and school timetable.



Design consideration:

The proposed canopy stands at a maximum height of 6.01 metres from the ground and below the highest point of the two storey Portakcabin's.

Mature hedgerow and trees form screening between the quadrangle and neighbouring properties to the Northwest.

The construction of the waterproof canopy covering consists of nontoxic and non-harmful materials. The materials used are also noncorrosive.



Summary:

The proposed free-standing canopy provides students and teachers with ease of movement between classrooms under cover from the elements. Aesthetically the canopy improves the oval appearance of the quadrangle, providing a cloister and functionality.