

HERITAGE STATEMENT

The College of Richard Collyer

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PROPOSED TEMPORARY FREE STANDING CANOPY INSTALLATION

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Description of the location and building:

The College of Richard Colley is situated on extensive grounds of over 6.5 hectares. The college moved to the grounds in 1893 of the grammar school building on Hurst Road. This building is Listed Grade II and is in a prominent position from the highway.

The college have developed the site over this period of time, and it now comprises of a multitude of buildings and facilities associated with its everyday functioning.

Proposal:

The proposal is to erect a fixed free-standing canopy located on the hard standing (Tarmac) which forms a walkway between student classrooms. The space between the buildings where the canopy is to be positioned serves as a link from the multiple classroom buildings. An existing Type 1 MOT single track for emergency and delivery vehicle use only, links this area with the main car park.

The Tarmac surface between the classrooms also provides limited bench seating for the students.

The surrounding buildings (classrooms) comprise of 2 No. two storey Portakabin's and two single storey Portakabin's.

The quadrangle classrooms are a satellite structure accessed via paths from the main college buildings.



Construction detail / Impact on the Environment:

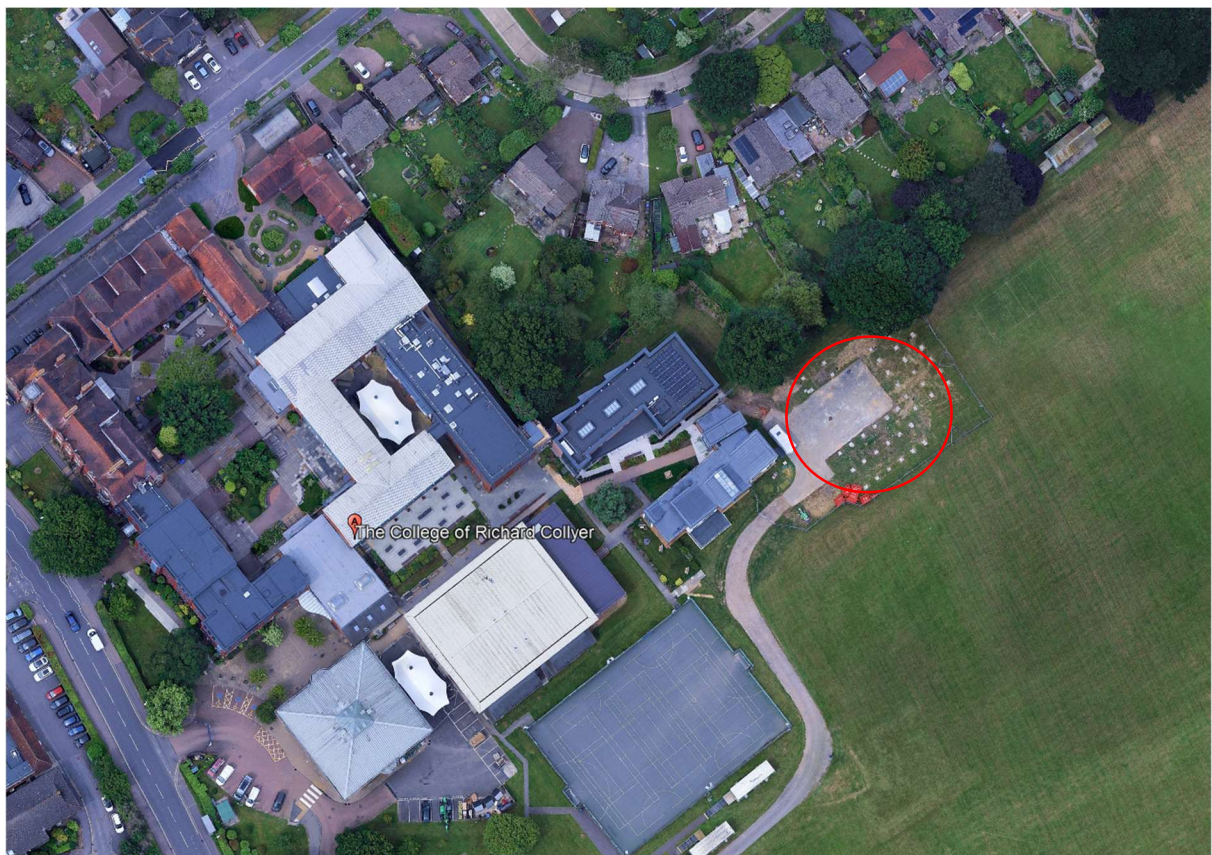
The canopy is constructed away from the site and once the manufacturing is completed delivered to site for installation. The construction process is to excavate a minimal foundation on which the two supporting steel columns are erected. The excavation and installation processes will have zero impact on the buildings, playing field or surrounding landscaping.

Canopy specifications and Size:

- Broxap's Twin Parasol Tensile Structure
- Mounted on two galvanised steel columns
- Style: Curved Edge
- Dimensions:(mm) 15000 x 9000 x 2520 / 6010(h)
- Fabric: PVC Waterproof
- Fixing: Submerged baseplate
- PVC Waterproof - Mehler 7211 White
- Galvanised and Powder Coated Standard RAL/BS Colour

The existing surface will be retained, and additional drainage is not required.

The Proposed canopy will not incorporate lighting or heating.



Photograph supplied by Google Earth

Proposed Use of Canopy:

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 and removed as will the Portacabins by conditions applied (Application Number: DC/24/0664 Condition 2) by 1 September 2028.

There is no net loss of the playing field land or hard standing as a result of this proposal. The area of existing hardstanding, previously playing field land, will be returned as such once the cabins and proposed canopy are removed.

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



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 Portakabin'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.