# Design and Access Statement

**Introduction**
The application is for temporary classrooms relating to the Full Planning Application for the extension to the main school building (Planning Portal ref: PP-01848407). The temporary classrooms are to be located on the existing playing field, with associated footpaths and a temporary playground, during the construction period. They are to be removed, and the playing field reinstated, when the extension is completed.

The proposals for the main school extension require some of the existing pupils to be decanted in order to make way for the works. The nursery and reception classes and the school hall and admin offices are to be relocated to temporary classrooms from September 2012 to September 2013. The temporary classrooms shall be removed and the playing field shall be reinstated in time for the start of term in September 2013.

**Description of the Proposals**
The site for the temporary classrooms is located adjacent to the main school site and is accessed off Boyle Street. The temporary classroom blocks are arranged around a central playground, at the northern end of the site. The existing tarmacked area to the north of the site is to be retained, proving access into the council-owned land to the north.


Above: Aerial photograph of the site

**Access**
The existing access gate into the playing field is to be utilised as the main access into the site. The footpath from the site entrance is to be ramped, due to the steep bank to the north east corner of the site. The temporary classrooms are then accessed via steps/ramps incorporated into the design of the blocks.

A new access gate and an area of hardstanding are to be added to the south east corner of the site, providing access for deliveries and catering staff. Two new disabled parking bays are also provided within the site, as the main school car park is located some distance from the temporary classrooms. All ramps and site levels are to comply with DFA2, the DDA and Approved Document M.

**Pre Consultation**
Pre-Application advice has been sought from Sue Wills. On the advice of the Planning Department we have also contacted Sport England.

Consultation has been undertaken via email with Paul Daly from Sport England regarding the temporary proposals and temporary provision elsewhere. In the latest correspondence of 15th March 2012 Paul stated, *"Sport England would not look to raise an objection to the Planning Application"*. Further information was requested by Paul Daly which has been outlined below.

**Existing Site Use**
The existing playing field is for school use only with the exception of sports ,matches against other schools. The field is used for general PE lessons and after school sports clubs for pupils only.

At present the school field is marked out with an athletics track and rounders markings during the summer. In the winter the school is marked out with 2 no. 7-a-side football pitches.

**Temporary Sports Provision**

Whilst some of the existing playing field shall remain as a grassed play area the overall area of space available for sports shall be reduced. Therefore the school have arranged alternative provision for the duration of the decant. The school did consider use of land at the nearby Ukrainian Centre, however there were issues with lack of space, Health and Safety and issues of public use at the same time. Land at the former St Thomas's School was also considered, however this school has now been demolished.

Therefore, in the period between June /July 2012 and September 2013 the school has arranged for the following alternative provisions:

- Years 1, 2 and 3 shall use Smedley Playing Fields and Queen's Park
- Years 4, 5 and 6 will be decanted to Manchester Communications Academy and will therefore have use of the external facilities there (this is also used by the FA)
- Pupils will also benefit from residential trips with alternative sports facilities during the course of the year.

**Summary**
The application to house temporary classrooms on the school playing field for a 14 month period is necessary due to the extension works in the main school. This will allow the main school to move from a 2-form to a 3-form entry school.

Temple School have shown a keen interest in trying to maintain sporting facilities for pupils throughout the course of the decant and construction works. June Kelly MBE (Football In The Community) is both a member of staff and also on the governing body for Temple School. June has had substantial involvement with the decant proposals.