

**DESIGN AND ACCESS STATEMENT (Revised and submitted 07/01/09)
FOR PROPOSALS AT ARMITAGE PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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Application No: 088598/FO/2008.

A1 INTRODUCTION

Armitage Primary School is an old CLASP single storey modular building school which does not comply with DFA2 and has classrooms sized below the current Educational provision. An extension was considered but this would require very costly alterations involving extensive structural alterations and asbestos removal to achieve compliance, and disrupt the operation of the School.

Following a review by SODA, additional accommodation is required for SEN. Following a feasibility study with CTS last year, the most cost effective solution, providing minimum disruption to the operations of the School, is to provide a free-standing pre-fabricated building. This is to be constructed using a modern pre-fabricated modular building to current Manchester City Council and statutory standards using external materials with a similar appearance, and aluminium windows to comply with Secure By Design. A free standing building has the advantage of being able to be used independently of the main school accommodation for out of hours activities. The new building is situated facing the existing main entrance to the building, on what is currently an unused area of tarmac adjacent to a covered play area.

A2 GENERAL

- A2.1** The new building will be in accordance with DFA2, and is part of a phased improvement of the site.
- A2.2** The design has been forwarded to the Access Officer, Anne Shahzada, for comment, and no issues have been raised.
- A2.3** Existing vehicular and pedestrian access to the site is not changed by these proposals. No additional parking spaces are proposed, but no spaces will be lost by the proposals. Existing sports and play provision is not affected by the proposals.
- A2.4** An Access Audit and Review have been carried out on the existing building independently of this project, and no actions have been implemented to-date. This application is for the new building and its immediate environment.

A3 PROJECT PARTICULARS

- A3.1** Access from outside is via a ramp at 1:20 maximum falls, with handrails complying with Building Regulations and DFA2. Double doors at the head of ramps are in 1810mm structural openings, manually operated with one leaf providing 1000mm clear opening. Ironmongery to DFA2 and including integral finger protection. Individual doors to Kitchen, Toilets and Stores are in 1022.5mm structural openings, providing 850mm clear opening and 450mm nib to opening side where required, with finger protection included.

- A3.2** At the Headteachers request, no particular provision has been made for accessible kitchen fittings in the Staffroom, but space is available for future inclusion should this be required.
- A3.3** Colour Scheme and fittings throughout to provide colour contrast as DFA2
- A3.4** Fire Alarms will be visual and audible.
- A3.5** Window openings are at high level for staff control.