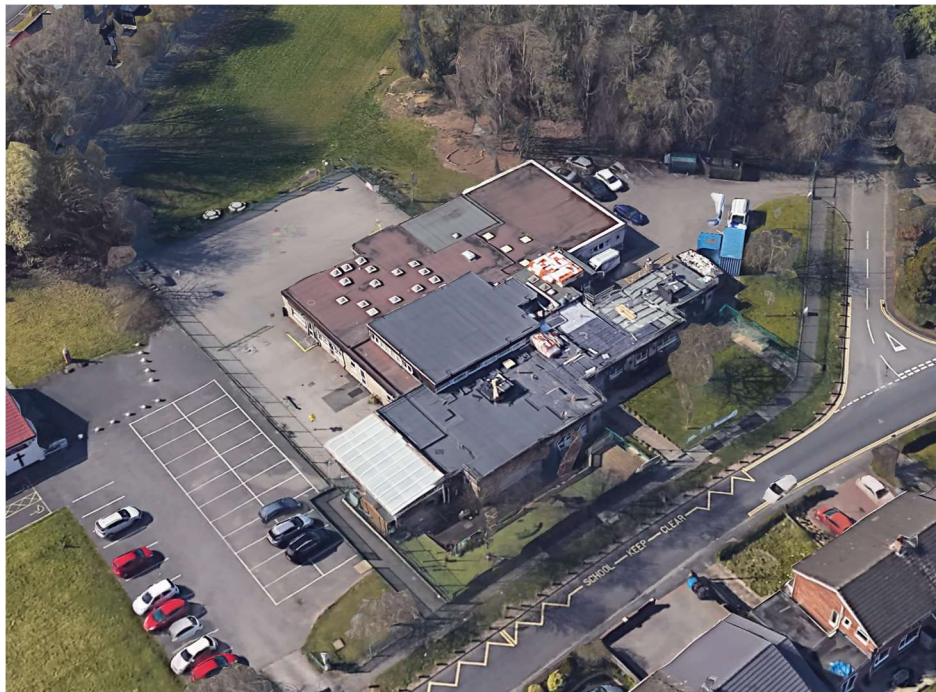


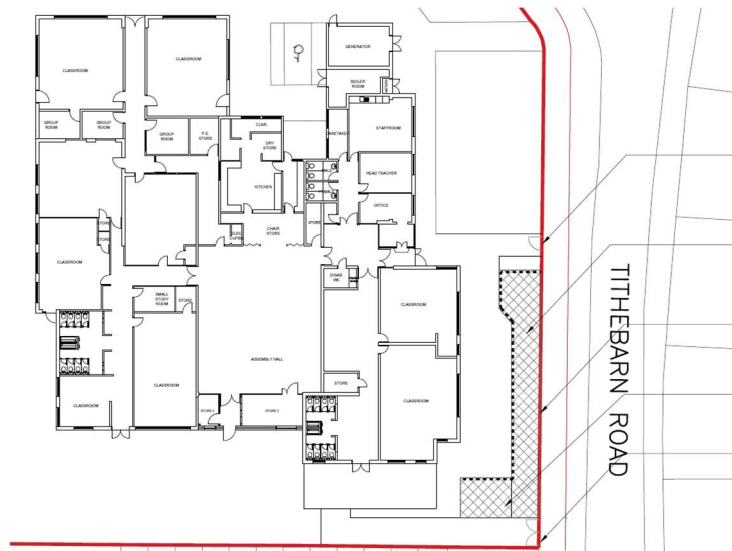


DESIGN AND ACCESS STATEMENT
FOR
PROPOSED ADDITIOANL LEVEL EXTERNAL PLAY AREA
AND ASSOCIATED RETAINING WALL
AT
ST JOHN FISHER CPS,
TITHEBARN ROAD,
KNOWSLEY,
L34 0HA
Job no. 7146



INTRODUCTION

This Design and Access statement is to support a planning application seeking permission for the removal and excavation of an external raised platform within the school grounds in order to create additional external play area for the school Early Years age groups. As part of the works, a new retaining wall is proposed to be construction adjacent to the school boundary fence.

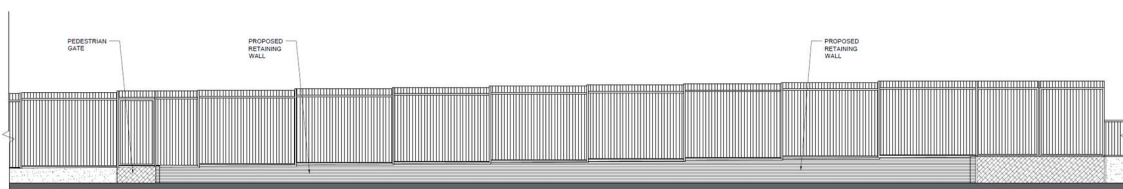


(Existing site plan of St John Fisher CPS)

DESIGN CONCEPT

The proposed external play surface and accompanying retaining wall will provide a safer and more aesthetically pleasing external play area by replacing the existing raised platform area which, at present, is currently surfaced with astroturf and secured by timber fencing which are subject to weathering and high maintenance. The proposed works will instead become a permanent and more valuable use of external play area.

(Proposed Front Elevation)

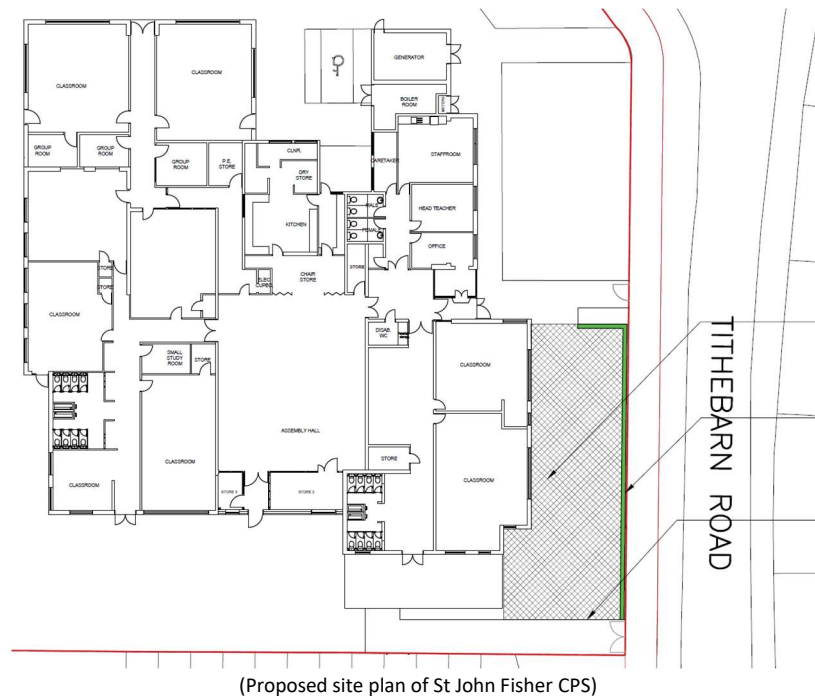


Proposed retaining wall elevation)

The proposed retaining wall is designed to have matching facing brick to the existing school and capped with a concrete coping stone. It is to be appropriately stepped to suit the topography of the site. The surrounding existing external play area will also be resurfaced in conjunction with the proposed additional play area, in order to provide a matching tarmac surface finish.

ACCESS

In terms of functionality, the existing access to the school will not be affected by the proposed external works. The removal of the existing raised platform will however improve the general access and safety of the school pupils whilst using the area for recreational use.



During the works, sections of existing school fencing are proposed to be temporarily removed to provide suitable access for contractors to access the site. These sections of fencing are then to be reinstated following the completion of the works.