# PLANNING APPLICATION NUMBER:P11/0022

Type of approval sought		Full Planning Permission	
Ward		NORTON	
Applicant		Dudley MBC Estates Department	
Location:	BUSY BEES KINDERGARTEN, GIG MILL METHODIST CHURCH, STOURBRIDGE, GLEBE LANE, STOURBRIDGE, WEST MIDLANDS, DY8 3YG		
Proposal	INSTALLATION OF AN EXTERNAL CANOPY TO COVER PART OF THE CHILDREN'S PLAY AREA		
Recommendation Summary:	APPROVE SU	JBJECT TO CONDITIONS	

### SITE AND SURROUNDINGS

- 1. The application site is a Methodist church occupying a plot of 1200m² and sits on the corner of Glebe Lane and Witton Street. The application site contains the associated church buildings including a hall and Sunday school. The existing Sunday school building is currently operating as a day nursery and is located to the north of the site and is a single storey brick built construction. Between this building and the boundary fence to the north is a small external play area.
- 2. The application site is bound to the north by number 11 Glebe Lane, a detached residential property. There is a driveway closest to the application site leading to the rear amenity area which is all hard surfaced. This neighbouring property has a kitchen within a single storey element facing towards the application site. Also within the curtilage of this neighbouring property are several outbuildings. To the east of the application site is number 100 Witton Street, a detached dwelling.

### **PROPOSAL**

3. This application seeks approval for a canopy to be installed to the north elevation over the existing small external play area. The canopy would be a permanent fixture and would cover an area of 21.5m. At its highest point the proposed canopy would be 3m in height and would utilise a cantilever construction with no requirement for supporting poles. The proposed canopy would be constructed from GRP (Glass reinforced plastic).

### HISTORY

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APPLICATION	PROPOSAL	DECISION	DATE	
No.				
P10/0006	Extension to create entrance	Approved with	17/03/10	
	vestibule (following demolition of	Conditions		
	existing porch) and creation of link			
	building with glazed roof.			
	Demolition of kitchen wall at rear			
	and rebuild to create cloaks and			
	rear access. Formation of new			
	stepped pedestrian access and			
	access ramps.			

# PUBLIC CONSULTATION

- 5. One letter of objection has been received. The material planning issues raised are, in summary:
  - Plan Accuracy. The east elevation was queried in relation to the tapering footprint.
  - Drainage. No drainage details available with the likelihood of runoff falling onto neighbouring property.
  - Materials. Finish of materials proposed unclear from submitted details.

# OTHER CONSULTATION

6. <u>Head of Environmental Health and Trading Standards:</u> No objection to the proposed scheme

# RELEVANT PLANNING POLICY

- 7. Saved Unitary Development Plan Policies
  - DD1 Urban Design
  - DD4 Development in Residential Areas

### ASSESSMENT

- 8. The main issues are
  - Principle
  - Design
  - Neighbour Amenity
  - Neighbour comments

### <u>Principle</u>

 The principle of the proposed development is considered as acceptable due to the proposed structure being associated with the established pre-school use. In this regard the proposed development is consistent with the requirements of saved UDP Policy DD1 – Urban Design.

#### <u>Design</u>

10. The proposed canopy would be constructed using GRP. This material is considered as appropriate within the context of the surrounding area and an appropriate condition can be attached to ensure the final finish and colour is acceptable. Within the street scene there would only be marginal visibility due to the siting setback from Glebe Lane. On this basis the proposed development is consistent with the requirements of saved UDP Policies DD1 – Urban Design and DD4 – Development in Residential Areas.

# Neighbour Amenity

11. The proposed canopy would be sited adjacent to the boundary with number 11 Glebe Lane. This neighbouring property has a kitchen window which looks out towards the application site. The nature of the proposed canopy, with open sides and no supports, gives a negligible bulk to the proposed structure. On this basis the outlook from this neighbouring window is considered to remain unaffected. The proposed canopy is therefore considered appropriate in terms of saved Policy DD4 – development in Residential Areas of the UDP (October 2005).

# **Neighbour Comments**

12. On the basis of the representations received from the neighbouring property amended plans have been received clarifying the tapering detail of the canopy on the east elevation as well as addressing the drainage runoff associated with the proposed canopy. The plans now show that the storm water will drain into an existing rain water pipe. As referred to above the materials do be used in the construction of the canopy can be controlled by way of an appropriate condition.

#### CONCLUSION

13. The proposed erection of a canopy in this location would be acceptable in principle and would have no detrimental impact on residential amenity or the surrounding area.
Consideration has been given to saved policies DD1 and DD4 of the Dudley Unitary Development Plan.

### RECOMMENDATION

14. It is recommended that the application be approved subject to the following conditions:

#### Reason for approval

The proposed erection of a canopy in this location would be acceptable in principle and have no detrimental impact on residential amenity or the surrounding area. Consideration has been given to saved policies DD1 and DD4 of the Dudley Unitary Development Plan.

The decision to grant planning permission has been taken with regard to the policies and proposals in the adopted Black Country Joint Core Strategy (2011), the saved UDP (2005) and to all other relevant material considerations.

The above is intended as a summary of the reasons for the grant of planning permission. For further detail on the decision please see the application report.

#### Conditions and/or reasons:

- Prior to the commencement of development, details of the types, colours and textures of the materials to be used on the external surfaces of the buildings hereby approved shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The development shall be carried out in complete accordance with the approved details.
- 2. The development hereby permitted shall be begun before the expiration of three years from the date of this permission.
- 3. The development hereby permitted shall be carried out in accordance with the following approved plans: DMBC/CAN/01 rev



