DESIGN and ACCESS STATEMENT

for

PROPOSED REPLACEMENT of OUTDOOR STORAGE EQUIPMENT UNIT and FORMING NEW CHILDREN'S PLAYGROUND

at St. Philip's Church, Ash Bank Road, Werrington, Stoke-on-Trent, Staffs. ST9 0JS



View of Existing Storage Unit



View of Proposed Play Area

Assessment

Physical Context – the current storage building (see view above) has been in a dilapidated state for many years and has become a danger. The external walls of the existing storage building are of concrete panels and the roof is of corrugated sheets coloured light grey.
The remainder of the site is an open space of grass, which is used as an outdoor activity space (see view above).

Social, Economic & Planning Policy Context – the present site has been used for many years as a recreational area for the church with the storage building providing a secure space for the outdoor equipment including a lawn mower. The proposals will not have an adverse affect on the local community (both socially & economically) or contravene the existing planning policy.

Involvement

The adjacent premises (Werrington Village Hall) are aware of the proposals for the replacement of the storage building and the proposed children's play area.

Design

Use – the new outdoor storage unit will provide the same facilities for the storage of outdoor equipment and a lawn mower within a watertight and physically secure building.
The proposed play area will provide modern & bespoke child-play facilities for local children within the secure boundaries of a fenced play area

Amount, Layout & Scale – the new outdoor storage unit will be slightly larger (1.2 metres longer) than the existing building in order to accommodate additional play area equipment.
The new play area has been design by a specialist company serving the needs of young children. There are a number of specific play areas linked by bark paths bordered with timber kerbs.

Landscaping – the area of the site is currently bordered by existing trees, hedges and grassed areas. All existing features are to remain untouched as the design of the play area has been fitted within the existing landscape.

Appearance – the new outdoor storage unit will have a grey brick-faced finish to the walls with a grey corrugated sheet roof. The doors will be metal security doors.
The new play area has been design by a specialist company with timber play equipment in number of specific play areas, all linked by bark paths bordered with timber kerbs.

Access – the existing vehicular and pedestrian access routes to the site/premises are not affected by the proposals.