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DESIGN & ACCESS STATEMENT
&
HERITAGE STATEMENT

THEMED PLAY AREA

21st May 2010

LOCATION.

Reflections Nursery
54 Richmond Road,
Worthing,
West Sussex.
BN11 1PS

BOROUGH OF WORTHING
DEPOSITED 27.5.10
TP REF NO
WB / 10 / 0457/LBC

NATURE OF THE APPLICATION

The application is for an external themed play area to the rear garden area.

The application is for listed Building Consent. Given the very limited degree of fixation and the temporary nature of the proposed themed play area only Listed Building Consent has been applied for.

1 **AMOUNT**

The proposal is for a themed play area which is divided into a beach area and a pebble area to create two interactive learning / play experience areas.

The proposal is for the provision of a Geotex weed control fabric allowing air nutrients and water to flow down wards while controlling weeds coming through the surface. The area to be defined by timber railway sleepers (sanded) laid on the surface so defining the area and confining the surface treatment. On to the Geotex fabric the area to be finished with a surface coating of sand to the beach area and pebbles to the pebble area. These areas to be used for interactive learning & play with free standing play equipment being positioned to the areas as required.

The proposal relates to the existing use of the garden area and not to a new use nor to an intensification of use.

One would trust that there would be support for the proposal as this is to ensure an interactive play and leaning area to engage with the children. It is also temporary by its very nature.

The property is Listed – grade 2
The site area is 2,950m^2

The existing area of the rear garden is 1430 m^2.

The proposed area of the themed play areas representing a very small area of the rear garden area.

Given the relative size of the rear garden and the positioning in relation to the main house the proposed would be appropriate within the context and setting of the main building

The proposed themed play areas would be an integral part of the main function and business of the main house.

The proposed has been assessed in terms of the site and in terms of the impact on the main house, being positioned away from the main building. The proposed themed play areas would have limited visual impact on the main building.

The proposed would not relate un sympathetically with the existing built environment and in the context of the setting of the listed building.

See photograph below showing the view to the area in question as viewed from the main house



2 LAYOUT, SCALE &APPEARANCE

The development is the proposed themed play areas. The proposed does not detract from the qualities of the Listed building and does not impinge nor over power the main house.

Reflection's investment in the site underlines the owner's commitment to the site and the Listed building.

The positioning has taken into account the existing landscaping and trees with a view to minimise the effect.

3 **SCALE**	The play areas are temporary by nature of the proposal and are of a scale in relation to the rear garden that is not overbearing on the setting of the Listed building.
4 **LANDSCAPING & ACCESS**	The site area is 2950 m^2 The proposed themed play area has been scaled to fit appropriately within the confines and topography of the site with in the context of the setting of the listed building. The proposed has been detailed to a reasonable proportion so not adversely affect the setting of the main house and to minimise the effects to the trees and shrubbery
5 **APPEARANCE**	The play area is temporary by the nature of the proposal and are of a scale and appearance in keeping with the use of the site and not adversely affecting the setting of the Listed Building.
6 **ACCESS**	The access to the site would remain as existing.