

Design and Access Statement for Parent-Child Psychological Support Centre (PCPS) at Rhyl Primary School, Rhyl Street, London, NW5 3HB

Introduction

This statement has been prepared in support of an application for internal and external alterations at Rhyl Primary School to facilitate the temporary Parent-Child Psychological Support (PCPS®) Centre offering support to parents and carers of young children.

Site and Surroundings

The application site is a large late 19th Century four-storey Grade II Listed building located within the West Kentish Town Conservation Area. The immediate surrounding area is predominately residential in character.

Proposal

Planning permission along with Listed building consent is sought for reversible alterations to convert two existing ground floor classrooms into the temporary PCPS Centre (Photo 1).

Externally

The PCPS Centre is to be accessed from an existing pedestrian gate located adjacent to the school's main entrance on Rhyl Street (Photo 2). This non-traditional gate will receive a electromagnetic lock and hydraulic self-closer along with gate access control panel.

The proposal incorporates a new door access control system installed beside the existing external door to the former classroom. This is to ensure security of the premises (Photo 3).

There is a short flight of stairs leading up to the former classrooms where the new PCPS Centre is to be located. The proposal includes a new modular access ramp to provide suitable access for all building users including those with prams and wheelchairs (Photo 4).

Internally

The two former classrooms are to be divided into six rooms of varying size to create the new layout for the proposed PCPS Centre (Photo 5).

New internal partitions are to be constructed using lightweight, non-loadbearing, metal stud drywall partitioning system consisting of two sheets of acoustic plasterboard with acoustic insulation. The walls and timber skirting will receive a paint finish (Photo 6).

New doors are to be timber fire doors with clear glass vision panels. The doors will receive a paint finish (Photo 7).

Impact

Ramp: The new ramp is not easily seen from the street and is relatively hidden behind the existing fabric screen fitted to the railings on Rhyl Street. The modular ramp is designed to be temporary and reversible.

Internal Partitions:

The metal stud and drywall partitioning system and internal timber doors can be easily taken down and removed should the need arise. The floor and ceiling channels are fixed using screws at 600mm centres resulting in minimal damage, which can be easily filled and made good.

Photos



Photo 1: PCPS Centre to be located in former ground floor classrooms



Photo 2: Proposed entrance to PCPS Centre and gate entry panel



Photo 3: Proposed door access entry panel



Photo 4: Proposed ramp with powder coated steel handrails and galvanised mesh slope

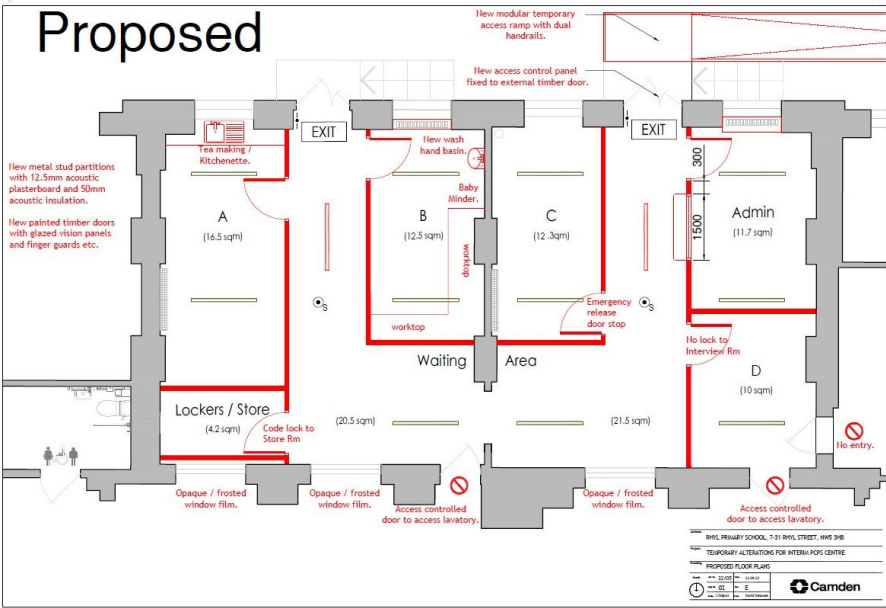
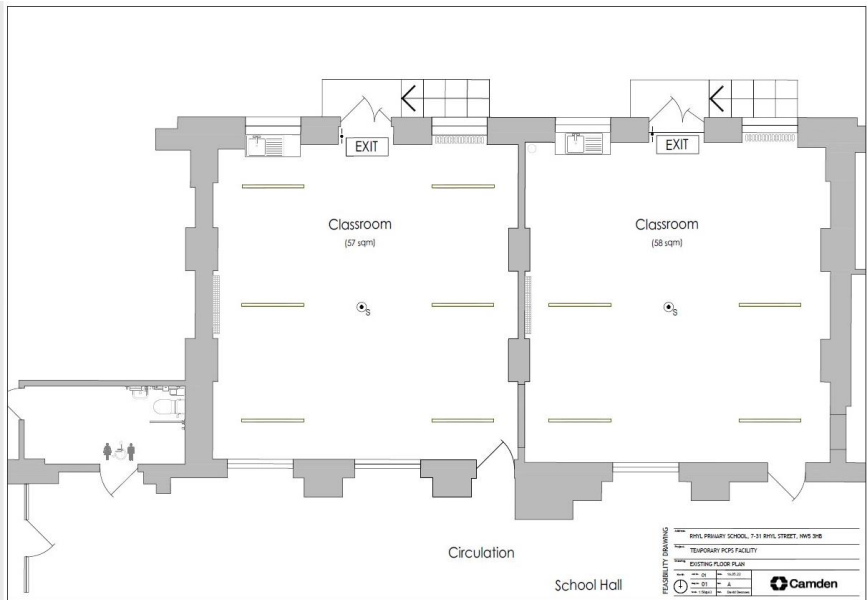


Photo 5: Existing and Proposed floor plans

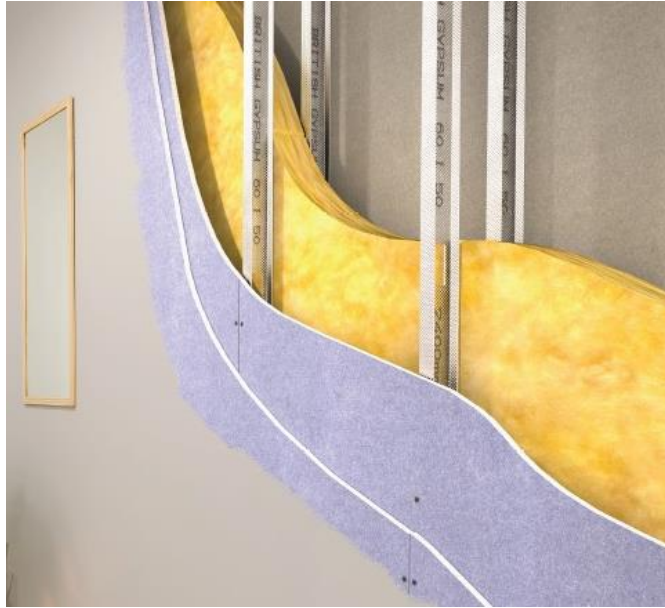


Photo 6: Proposed metal stud internal partitions



Photo 7: Proposed painted timber internal doors