



CHELTENHAM

BOROUGH COUNCIL

Notice of a meeting of Planning Committee

**Thursday, 18 April 2019
6.00 pm**

Membership	
Councillors:	Garth Barnes (Chair), Paul Baker (Vice-Chair), Stephen Cooke, Diggory Seacome, Victoria Atherstone, Bernard Fisher, Dilys Barrell, Mike Collins, Alex Hegenbarth, Karl Hobley, Paul McCloskey, Tony Oliver, Simon Wheeler, John Payne and Rowena Hay

The Council has a substitution process and any substitutions will be announced at the meeting

Agenda

- c) **19/00388/FUL, Berkhamstead School, Pittville** (Pages 5 - 8)
Circus Road, Cheltenham
[Planning Application Documents](#)

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APPLICATION NO: 19/00388/FUL	OFFICER: Mr Ben Hawkes
DATE REGISTERED: 3rd March 2019	DATE OF EXPIRY : 28th April 2019
WARD: All Saints	PARISH:
APPLICANT:	Berkhampstead School
LOCATION:	Berkhampstead School Pittville Circus Road Cheltenham
PROPOSAL:	Erection a timber framed building within the school grounds for use as a 'wellbeing pod'

ADDITIONAL REPRESENTATIONS

5 Lansdown Lodge Drive
Cheltenham
Gloucestershire
GL51 6QJ

Comments: 16th April 2019

Having attended the site visit today, I would like to clarify a few issues re. our planning application for the wellbeing pod as I feel that there was some miscommunication.

- 1) No existing trees or bushes will be removed from the site. There are no foundations to the pod so the stakes supporting the pod can avoid the tree roots. We love the natural screening and would not want it to go.
- 2) The fence that adjoins the side of the school by the entrance to the school building will be cut in the middle of to accommodate the front of the pod and to allow access for the pupils going into it from the playground.
- 3) The windows in the school building will not be obscured by the pod.
- 4) The small high windows in the side of pod will face the school building not the road. The wall facing the road behind the trees is a blank cedar wood wall.

I hope that this information is helpful.

Treetops,
Bath Road,
Woodchester
Gloucestershire
GL5 5NS

Comments: 14th April 2019

I am a member of Gloucestershire Healthy Living and Learning and have had the privilege of working with Birkhampstead school on a number of occasions. Most recently a colleague and I visited to assess the support for children's mental and emotional wellbeing. we were very impressed and also found the plan for the POD very exciting. It has such potential and will only serve to enhance the already robust programmes of support within the school. I am therefore very happy to support this application and wish them well. I am also a registered nurse and national trainer for mental health first aid England.

Evington Lodge
Tewkesbury Road
Gloucester
GL19 4AS

Comments: 16th April 2019

Well being in children has been shown to have a significant impact on their future development as adults. To offer a "safe" place within a school where pupils can be supported is an amazing idea and should definitely be supported.

Great Washbourne House
Great Washbourne
Tewkesbury
GL20 7AR

Comments: 16th April 2019

The mental health of young people in this country is causing increasing concern at every level and Berkhamstead School takes the emotional well-being of it's pupils very seriously, providing them with the tools and strategies to deal with the challenges of modern life.

The small, single-story, wooden structure, which has been sympathetically designed to sit within the tree-lined boundary of the school will provide space to be used for counselling those that may require it, or, as a quiet space away from the hustle and bustle of the playground for small groups of children. This will especially benefit those who have autism or sensory processing difficulties, and will be a base where they can find respite from the multiple stimuli that surround them in the school day.

The whole school community have come together to fund raise for this important asset as they recognise the positive impact of providing life-long skills to maintain robust mental health.

I would submit that this would be a project worth support.

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