

Avenue Primary School Newham, London

We were appointed by a design and build contractor client, to produce landscape related information for a detailed planning submission for this east London school. Working with a design team of architects and engineers, the brief was to develop proposals for the upgrading of the existing school, with the addition of a new sports hall, an upgraded main pedestrian entrance, additional class rooms and improved landscape facilities.

The design process involved numerous consultation meeting with the school and a public exhibition with the local community. This helped to determine their exact requirements and further refine the brief. As the school catered for children of nursery, reception, key stage 1 and key stage 2 ages the external spaces have been zoned into three distinct play areas. These were designed in such a way so as to keep visual sight lines clear. The needs of parking and deliveries have been considered carefully to strike a balance between the need for on site parking and delivery turning. The needs of parents dropping off and collecting children have also been considered giving them a number of pleasant environments in which to wait, meet and socialise.

There are a significant number of existing trees to the perimeter of this site, both within and outside of the school boundary. The majority of these trees were to be retained as part of the final landscape proposal. Their root protection zones were carefully considered whilst designing the layout of the buildings and the landscape elements so as to ensure their continued healthy growth.



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