

REFERENCE: 26/0506

PROPOSAL: ALTERATIONS COMPRISING NEW GLAZED ENTRANCES, INTERNAL RECONFIGURATION, ACCESSIBILITY WORKS AND ASSOCIATED PUBLIC REALM IMPROVEMENTS INCLUDING PAVED SEATING AREA TO THE FRONT

SITE: Maindee Library 79 Chepstow Road Newport NP19 8BY

APPLICATION TYPE: Full

CASE OFFICER: Francesca Saunders

RECOMMENDATION: NO OBJECTION SUBJECT TO CONDITIONS or additional information

Comments:

I support the proposals but the application does not cover removal of existing planting, or show the bus stop context, or provide information on new planting or paving.

I cannot see any hard surfacing proposals. I assume the bin store area remains but it would be helpful to show this is the case on the proposals plan. Planters intercept downpipes.



6.6.4 of the Planning Statement states 'A detailed planting specification prioritising pollinator-friendly, low-maintenance species appropriate to an urban setting would deliver a limited but genuine biodiversity benefit'. No planting has been specified.

The small planters are integrated with the seating ie fixed, so should provide year-round cover – I suggest robust evergreen mediterranean species able to cope with the dry conditions of planters. Note that the planter width once the brick dimension is removed will be very narrow [250mm max?] – I advise a professional specifier or plant nursery provides the detail as it will take expertise to select planting that will be successful.

Recommendations:

1. Confirmation of hard surfacing.
2. Detail on the planting and confirmation the planter width will sustain plant growth.