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**For the attention of:**

**RE: RESPONSE TO INVALID APPLICATION LETTER REGARDING OUTDOOR CLASSROOM**

As per the recent communication with the South Tyneside planning department, a number of points require clarification regarding the application for a new Outdoor Classroom at St Josephs Roman Catholic Primary School. The following matters were raised:

- Scaled elevations and layout plans of the structure were required. Please find these uploaded in the supporting documents section of the Planning Portal named "41522213/01/Z9710".
- A 1:200 block plan was requested showing the existing flood alleviation work. Please find this drawing uploaded in the supporting documents section of the Planning Portal named "41522213-01-GIS0209 – Outdoor Classroom Block Plan".
- The 'Description of the Development' was recommended to be changed. This has been carried out on the Planning Portal.
- Peter Cunningham queried the location next to the playing fields at the school. The drawing "41522213-01-GIS0209 – Outdoor Classroom Block Plan" shows the existing layout of the football pitches and where the flood alleviation works were built. The flood alleviation works were carried out under permitted development and no direct correspondence with Sports England was undertaken. As the block plan shows the proposed classroom is located in a fenced off area that does not constitute part of the schools playing pitches.
- Peter Cunningham requested more information regarding the purpose of the outdoor classroom. The statement below has been drafted to fulfil this request:

"It is essential that young children get frequent and regular opportunities to explore and learn in the outdoor environment. The proposed structure is an outdoor classroom for educational use of St Joseph's Roman Catholic Primary School pupils which has been gifted to the school. It will offer an area for storytelling and exploring the new wildflower meadow and pond created within the school."

I hope that the information provided on Planning Portal and the information above are enough to complete the planning application.

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