Harton Primary School

Discovery Adventure Exploration

26th February 2021

Planning Department.
Town Hall & Civic Offices,
Westoe Road,
South Shields.
NE33 2RL.

Dear Sir/Madam

Proposed Sports Hall – Harton Primary School

In support of the planning application, I wish to include the following Supporting Statement;

The proposed Sports Hall is within the school grounds, it extends the East wing of the building. It will provide a much needed facility for our current and future pupils. We serve a socially deprived community and many pupils have limited access to any sporting activity other than those provided by school.

Our current hall facilities are used for dinners and assemblies and with staggered lunches the hall is out of use for much of the day. We currently do as much sport/PE outside as possible but this is weather dependent and reduces the opportunities we can offer our children.

The Sports Hall would be used extensively throughout the school's usual opening hours. Physical health is a high priority in our school as it links so closely to mental health, this Sports Hall would enable us to develop provision for all 700 of our pupils. Since the school opened ten years ago, there has been a 'letting' for football and dance on a Saturday morning, this would continue. There are no plans to increase the use of the hall beyond the usual school hours.

This additional hall would help to build a school for the future, providing opportunities for our school for many years to come. School Governors are keen to finance this project so our pupils continue to have the best facilities available to them.

Yours faithfully,

Karen Ratcliffe

Head Teacher