



Roots for Life Nursery School

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Attention: Cassie

I trust that you are well. I really appreciate your time and understand how busy you are.

Proposal:

As discussed I am sending this email to discuss the Nursery School future of Thame in hope that the council can help me to bring Thame an amazing and much needed nursery.

I would like to apply to Thame council for permission to utilise the open and unused land in the area of the girl scouts hall to build a nursery school and counselling centre.

I am aware that as this is council property, I need to clearly demonstrate how this land is going to be utilised for the benefit of the community. I would like to cover this in a brief motivation below, however should a more detailed presentation to the committee be required, I will be happy to come in and present this.

Motivation:

There is a huge shortage of nursery school spaces in Thame - the demand is never ending and parents are stuck and unable to work as some nurseries in the area have two year waiting lists.

Providing early years schooling will go a long way to fill the schooling void / service to the local area and Thame as a whole.

- The majority of children (23 of 53) that attend Roots for Life are funded on either 15 or 30 hours. As the local rate is so low this its particularly difficult for funded children to find places. With a larger school Roots for Life can commit to maintaining this ratio to assist those who require the service the most
- Education benefits of early year programs aside for a moment, having children at school allows parents to work, clean, socialise, exercise.... all important in creating a healthier community.
- After school curriculum, I wish to utilise parts of the facility for after nursery school activities for children: such as movement and dance classes, homework classes and supervision, aftercare and children's parties.
- Education is the most important element for Roots for Life, we aren't a child entertainment centre but rather pride ourselves on teaching an early year's curriculum to prepare our pupils for primary school. In many instances this will require further work from professionals outside of school hours. I wish to be able to provide a venue where children can visit safely with social workers and professional tutors as well as therapists if needed.

Having a purpose built nursery not only allows for the best facilities and environment for teaching and learning but this will also allow Roots for Life to open for longer hours and to hold more children.

This in addition to a purpose built eco-friendly building will enable us to provide a wonderful service to the people of Thame and the town.

The current available parking area is ample and won't need to be changed. 95% of the parents walk.

The Building:

While researching options available, a modular type building with a natural facade would give us the benefit of being able to complete construction in a timely manner as well as to have a purpose designed early years building in a great location in terms of demand and already established resources.

I would like to propose a 25 year lease of the open grassland next to the Girl Guides HQ. In the space we would construct a wooden clad modular building with 3 separate classrooms, bathroom facilities and a play area. Without having designs in place as yet I would estimate that we would require in the region of 400M² (20m x 20m) for the building and play area (roughly half of the grass space).

The facade of the building comes with a 10 year guarantee from the supplier, we will however happily agree in our contract that the building will be maintained and kept orderly for the duration of the lease agreement.

I would want the school to blend with the natural environment of the woods with the addition of modern amenities and teaching aids contained within the building.

Benefits for the community:

I would also like to look at including extras that could use my building to help the community - for example speech and language therapy, talks and meeting groups.

Final thoughts:

I know the land there is lovely open area but it is wasted and never used by the public I have attached some photo examples of a few of the nursery's that the company has done for you to see.

I trust that you will take my proposal into consideration and look forward to hearing from you

Regards

Cassie Glyn-Jones

Owner Roots for Life Nursery