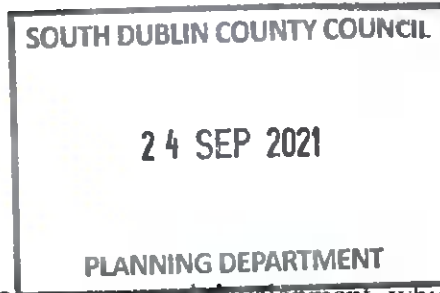




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A Chara,

The structure we are applying for as an exempted development, which is in response to the current Covid emergency, is a canopy over a children's play area. We believe this canopy is an exempted development as it is a temporary structure.

Our students have not been able to use our PE hall since the beginning of the Covid 19 pandemic and we were looking for a solution which would allow them to engage with the P.E. curriculum and also to play outside at playtimes during the day regardless of the weather. There are 430 students attending our school, approx. 30 of whom have Special Educational Needs (SEN). Some of the children who have SEN are in our two classes for children with ASD and others are in our mainstream classes. It is essential that these children have a space where their sensory and physical needs can be catered for regardless of the weather, especially when they are experiencing challenging behaviour which can happen on a daily basis.

We did extensive research on these canopies visiting two other schools who had similar covers installed on their grounds. Neither of these schools had planning permission for their installations which have been on their grounds for a few years as there are no bricks and mortar in the structure and it is only a raw bolt fix and hilti hush screw fixing. In addition to this, due to the arched shape of the canopy, it doesn't oversail adjacent residential properties and does not restrict any light throughout the day. If anything, it gives additional privacy to these residential properties.

This structure is for the educational benefit of all the children attending our school. It is intended for educational purposes and will be used only by the students of our school during school hours. The shelter is very necessary to our school. We are hoping that you will look favourably upon our application for this to be an exempted development.

Yours faithfully,

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