

## **Sustainability Statement: External Play Equipment Installation**

We submit this statement in support of our planning application for the installation of new external play equipment within the rear garden of an existing Special Educational Needs (SEN) school. This development is designed to enhance the learning environment and physical well-being of the pupils while maintaining sustainability principles in line with Mid Sussex District Council's sustainability policies.

### **Alignment with Mid Sussex Sustainability Policies**

1. **Sustainable Development & Net Zero Goals** – The Council has committed to achieving net zero emissions by 2050. Our proposal aligns with this by ensuring low-impact development, using sustainable materials, and avoiding unnecessary energy consumption.
2. **Biodiversity & Green Space Protection** – Mid Sussex District Council promotes rewilding and biodiversity enhancement. Our project does not remove vegetation or disrupt natural habitats, ensuring continued ecological integrity.
3. **Sustainable Infrastructure & Drainage** – The Council supports sustainable infrastructure and water management. The proposed play equipment will be installed with permeable and eco-friendly materials, allowing natural drainage and preventing surface runoff issues.
4. **Low-Carbon & Responsible Sourcing** – The Council encourages sustainable procurement. All equipment will be sourced from manufacturers adhering to low-carbon, recyclable, and responsibly sourced materials, reducing environmental impact.
5. **Community & Educational Benefits** – Mid Sussex District Council's Sustainable Economy Strategy emphasizes social value and sustainability. Our project supports outdoor learning, physical development, and sensory engagement, benefiting pupils while maintaining environmental responsibility.

### **Conclusion**

Given the low environmental impact, adherence to Mid Sussex sustainability policies, and positive educational and social benefits, we assert that this proposal aligns with best practices for sustainable development. We respectfully seek approval for this planning application based on its de minimis impact and clear compliance with sustainability objectives