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1.1 INTRODUCTION

The site is located to the rear of 32 Queens Road, east of Harbrough Hill Road (A61) on the outskirts of Barnsley Town centre. The site is currently vacant and was formerly occupied by a number of workshop buildings that have since been demolished.

The site has an open aspect and can be seen from the adjacent A61 Harbrough Hill Road.

A slip road from the A61, a number of garages and an access road are to the west of the site. A single residential property (32 Queens Road) is to the south of the site. The side elevation of No. 15 Harbrough Hill Road is to the north of the site. An access road leading to the nearby Pipers Grove Primary School is to the east of the site.

The site is bounded to the north and east by existing brickwork walls and south and east by green paladin fencing.

There is no soft landscaping within the existing site, with the site having been previously completely covered by buildings and hard surfacing.



View of Site Looking North



View from site looking south west towards A61

1.2 USE

The facility incorporates:

Internally:

- Main Hall/Worship Space, Social Area, Office, Served, Storage, Toilet Accommodation, Meeting Room and Counselling Room.

Externally:

- Car parking, Garden Area, Bin Store, associated soft landscaping areas.

1.3 AMOUNT

The proposals are for a two storey building which provides the necessary internal accommodation required by the Salvation Army to carry out its activities.

By utilising the topography of the site the amount of accommodation can be delivered whilst keeping the height of the building to a level where it does not become over dominant within the setting of surrounding residential properties.

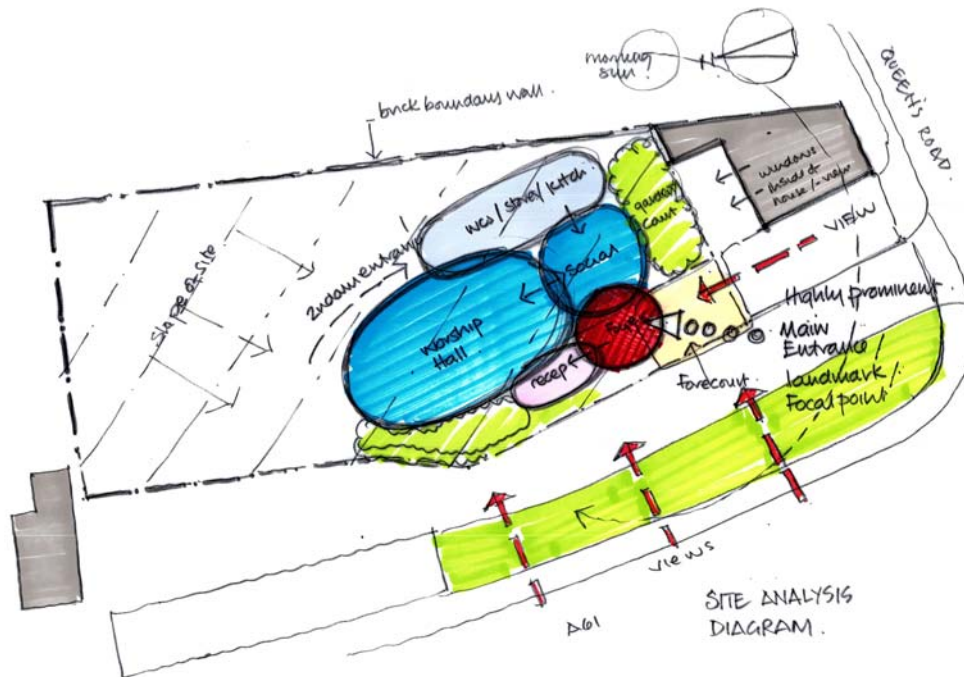
The building size is such that a garden area can be provided so as to provide the building with an amenity area along with other areas of soft landscaping.

1.4 LAYOUT

The topography of the site is sloping, with a difference of approximately 3.5m from the top corner to the lowest point. It is the intention to make use of this change in levels and a two-storey building is proposed, with accessible entrances to both front and back of the property.

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A garden area is proposed to provide the building with an amenity space and to act as a buffer between the existing residential property and the new building.



The scale of the building is appropriate to its function and importance as a key community building within Barnsley.

The height of the proposed building is such so as not to appear taller than the apex of the adjacent residential property at 32 Queens Road.

1.6 LANDSCAPING

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A garden area will be provided to the south of the site. There are other opportunities for further soft planting adjacent to the proposed building and to the site perimeter adjacent the existing boundary walls. This will enhance the site from its previous 100% impermeable condition.

1.7 APPEARANCE

The proposed building is a contemporary design and will feature a combination of buff architectural masonry (Forticrete or similar) and Western Red Cedar horizontal cladding. Windows and doors will be polyester powder coated aluminium in grey.

The prominent façade of the entrance will be visible from the A61 and other adjacent roads. It is the intention of the design to act as a beacon, particularly when occupied at night, with the brise soleil to the glazed cut out in part to create a cross and therefore designing in the symbolism of the building.

1.8 ACCESS

Vehicular access to the new building is via the existing adopted access road from Queens Road. This is a shared surface and no formal footpath exists on either side.

Pedestrian access from Queens Road is also via the existing access road. Pedestrian access from Harbrough Hill Road onto Queens Road is also substituted by a number of informal hard surfaced paths at either end of the nearby garages that discharge onto the existing access road.

The site is located on the outskirts of Barnsley Town centre and is approximately 5 minutes walk from the nearby Barnsley Transport Interchange, so provides plenty of opportunity for access via public transport and for Town Centre car parking.

A vehicle barrier will be sited at the entrance of the northern car park to prevent unauthorised parking.



Existing Access Road (Looking South Towards Queens Road)

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