

BARNSELY COLLEGE

Project:

Wigfield Farm – Erection of new Story Shelter at
Wigfield Centre for Land Based Studies
Waverlands Lane Worsbrough Barnsley S70 5NQ

Subject:

Design & Access Statement

Date:

06/01/2014

1.0 Introduction

This statement has been prepared to support the planning application submitted by Barnsley College for the proposed erection of new story shelter at Wigfield Farm, Haverlands Lane, Barnsley. Wigfield Farm is a base for Barnsley College courses in Agriculture, Horticulture, Animal Care and Environmental Studies, as well as being a working farm producing livestock and arable crops and having an open farm and visitors centre accessible to the local and wider community. It is within the prior context that the college are looking to improve their facilities for students attending courses at the farm by way of providing better teaching accommodation and facilities. The following aerial photograph shows the Wigfield Farm campus in relation to the surrounding area.



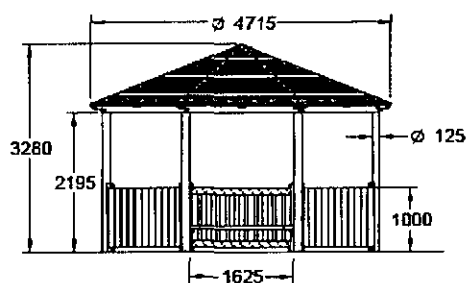
2.0 Site and Surroundings

Wigfield Farm is situated on a 48 Ha site within the Worsborough Country Park area of Barnsley, some 5km south the City Centre. The site is rural in character and is surrounded by farmer's fields on all sides. Haverlands Lane is the only form of access into the site and runs immediately adjacent to the farm Buildings on the southern side. A public car park is situated on the eastern side of the farm buildings which has the capacity for 40 parking spaces plus 2 disabled bays. The buildings themselves are split into two distinct use categories; the northern out buildings being the working farm the southern building being the visitor centre and student classrooms. In the wider landscape, the farm buildings are visible from the elevated adjacent housing estate to the eastern side of the site.

The proposed story shelter is to be sited at the entrance to the golf course (6 hole pitch and putt). It is believed that there will not be any detrimental effect to the appearance of the farm from the residential housing as the story shelter will be constructed from wood and blend in with its surroundings (the wooden/metal storage bays).

3.0 Design

The new story shelter gazebo construction will be positioned at the entrance to the golf course (6 hole pitch and putt) and would be adjacent the existing wooden/metal storage bays. The proposal looks to introduce a single story shelter (gazebo) of total size 4.715m (w) x 2.195m (h) as it is an octagonal shape with a 3.280m (h) to ridge. The wooden fence to the shelter sits 1.0m (h) from the floor level, the remaining 1.195m is open. Please see diagram of the proposal below.



4.0 Access

The only vehicular access to the farm is via the main entrance on Haverlands Lane. Car parking can be found directly down the eastern side of the main vehicular entrance and there is an access road that continues around the perimeter of the main building for farm or emergency vehicles only.