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Example of Artificial Turf Pitch (ATP)

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1. Introduction

1.1 Surfacing Standard Ltd has been appointed by Barnsley Football Club to consider and develop technical information for the proposed refurbishment of an external Artificial Turf Pitch (ATP).

1.2 This information aims to be beneficial in the decision making process with respect to gaining planning permission for the proposed development.

2. Design & Access Statement Principles

2.1. In May 2006, the government introduced changes to the planning applications process. As of 10th August 2006 there is a requirement that a Design & Access Statement (DAS) must accompany most planning applications and listed building consent applications. Listed below are the areas in which this document will cover.

2.2 Design

The process – how the physical aspects of the scheme have been informed by a rigorous process which should include the following steps:

- Assessment
- Involvement
- Evaluation
- Design

Use	What buildings and spaces will be used for.
Amount	How much would be built on the site.
Layout	How will the buildings and public and private spaces will be arranged on the site and the relationship between them and the spaces around the site.
Scale	How big the buildings and spaces would be (their height, width and length).
Landscaping	How open spaces will be treated to enhance and protect the character of a place.
Appearance	What the building and spaces will look like, for example, building materials and architectural details.

2.3 Access

The statement needs to include two potential apsectes of access. That is not to say they are seperate, and the statement should show that all access issues have been considered together.

Vehicular and transport links	How the site responds to road layout and public transport provision and access for emergency vehicles where relevant.
Inclusive access	How access arrangements will ensure that all users will have equal and convenient access to buildings and spaces.

3. Design & Access Statement

3.1 Use

The development works will include the refursbishment of an existing Artificial Turf Pitch (ATP).

The Artificial Turf Pitch (ATP) shall be resurfaced and extended in three areas with each being 6m x 2m goal storage alcoves to the North side of the pitch. New perimeter ball-stop fencing shall be formed around the new extended areas and the refursbished development will offer the following sporting opportunities:

- 11-a-side football, 9v9 football, 7v7 football
- Small sided football and 5 a side football
- Football training and coaching
- Recreational usage for other sports

3.2 Amount

The proposed development will include the construction of:

- New Artificial Turf Pitch (ATP) 7597.50M2

3.3 Layout

The Artificial Turf Pitch (ATP) will replace the existing artificial surface located centrally within Barnsley FC grounds.

All associated features shall remain as per the existing.

3.4 Scale

The perimeter ball-stop fencing will be required to extend around the new cross court goal storage areas of the ATP to a height of 5m to provide a ball-stop and to offer a degree of security.

3.5 Landscaping

The areas around the ATP shall be reinstated to grass (soft landscaping) and natural shallow batters and banking shall be constructed as necessary to tie the new pitch into surrounding ground.

3.6 Appearance

The installed appearance of the Artificial Turf Pitch (ATP) will be green coloured artificial grass playing surface with white and blue coloured line markings for football.



Example of artificial grass

The fencing system shall be retained and repaired where necessary with new fencing to match the existing to the extended goal storage alcove areas, which will be to a height of 5m. The fencing currently is and will remain as rolled weldmesh sports fencing colour coated black.



Example of replacement fencing

3.7 Vehicular and transport links

The existing onsite parking arrangements shall remain as existing and as they do currently and will continue to offer ample space to accommodate users of the proposed pitch.

The development will not alter the transport access to the site, which shall remain the same.

3.8 Inclusive access

The access to and from the facility shall be maintained. All pedestrian paths introduced to the facility shall be compliant with Disability Discrimination Act (DDA) regulations and Sport England's Technical Design Guidance Notes to include 'Access for Disabled People 2002'. Disabled access has been carefully considered throughout the design process and applied where possible.
The proposed playing surface to the ATP shall replicate the qualities of a good natural grass football pitch.

3.9 Use

The proposed ATP will be an improvement to the existing facility at barnsley FC.

Currently the site provides a wide range of outdoor sport and physical activity programmes for the community.

The new ATP will enhance this provision by improving the performance standards and improving the playing qualities primarily for football use that can be used for training purposes of other sports.

The ATP will be designed and must be constructed to conform with the playing revelant requirements stipulated by:

- The Football Association (FA) Guide to Artificial Grass Pitches, Second Edition, January 2010
- Federation Internationale de Football Association (FIFA), Quality Concept – January 2012 – the Handbook of Test Methods for Football Turf (FIFA*1 certification required) or equivalent IATS standard

The aspirations for the project are to:

- Offer improved modern facilities suitable for the 21st century use.

- Increase community and school participation.
- Encourage intergenerational work through the provision of safe and secure facilities.
- Develop opportunities for local employment, coaching qualification opportunities and enhanced coaching standards.

3.10 Site Analysis

Proposed Location



5. Photographs and Photomontages




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