BARNSLEY COLLEGE

Project:

Storage Container for Sports & Community Activity Equipment

At The Fleets Playing Field

Smithies Lane, Barnsley S71 1RD

Subject:

Design & Access Statement

Date:

16/09/2011

1.0 Introduction

This statement has been prepared to support a retrospective planning application submitted by Barnsley College for the positioning of a storage container at The Fleets Playing Fields, Smithies Lane, Barnsley, S71 1RD. At present the site is used by our Sports Academy teaching facility as part of a S.106 agreement in accordance with the Local Planning Authority.

To provide sports facilities on the proposed Barnsley College propose to place a storage container on the land for the nets, posts and other sports equipment. The container's sole use will be for storage.

2.0 Site and Surroundings

The Fleets Playing Fields are located a short distance from the main College campus on Smithies Lane, Barnsley.

Barnsley College have undergone an extensive programme to create suitable outdoor grassed playing fields across the 13 acre site. In total the College have produced 3 sports pitches, 1 for rugby and 2 for football, amongst other sports as and when required.

The site is a Greenfield land and is situated adjacent to The Fleets fishing pond. The site has been carefully managed to create an open sports and playing area without compromising on the natural shrubbery boarders.

3.0 Design

The Fleets Playing Fields are now ready for use following an intensive preparation regime. Barnsley College aims to create suitable Playing Fields in accordance with Football Association (FA) standards and health and safety requirements and as such the College have placed a storage container on the land for storing sports equipment.

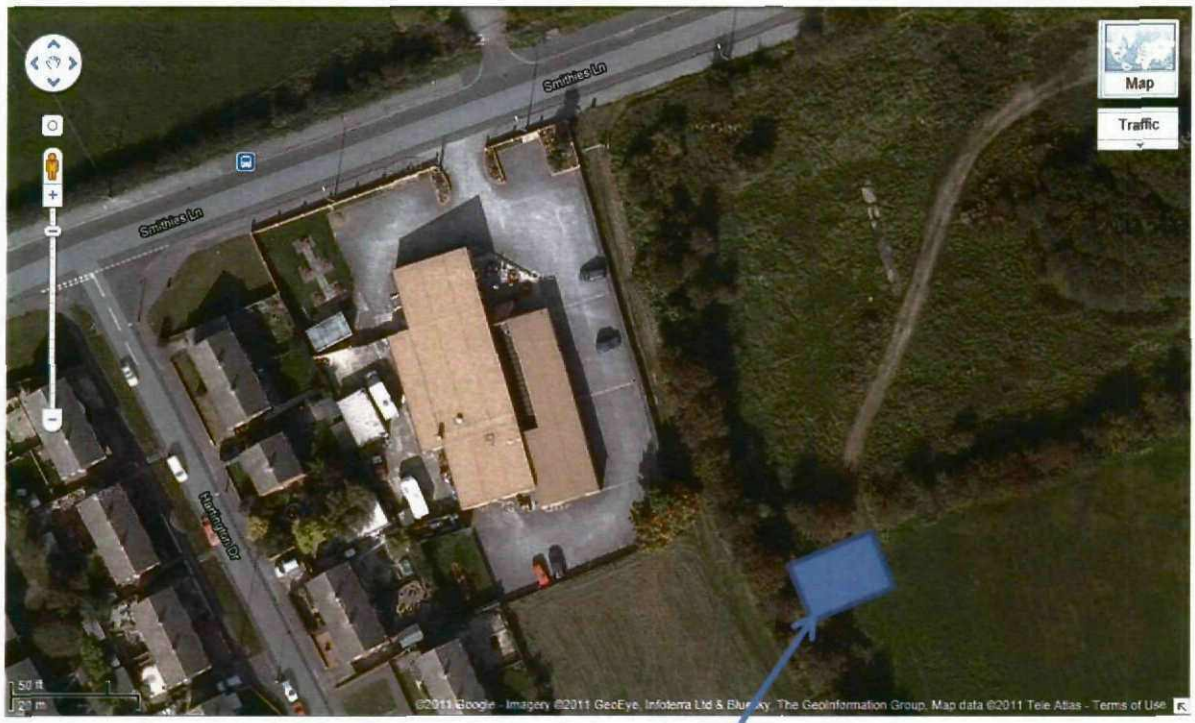
The storage container, although situated in amongst shrubbery and hidden from view, is essential to maintain the playing fields. The container is red in colour but can be painted green to keep the visual impact minimal.

The College cannot be responsible for individual actions on the site when College staff are not around and therefore the option to remove sports equipment, posts and nets at the end of a teaching or recreational session is essential. In addition, the possibility of equipment vandalism is another reason for placing the storage container on site.

4.0 Access

There is no vehicular access onto the playing field by way of road. No other access will be required, other than to maintain the playing fields.

The site will be accessible to students and visitors, and in addition, the local and wider community though the storage container will be secured overnight/when not manned by College staff.



The Fleets, Smithies Lane, Barnsley, S71 1RD

Area for proposed storage container(s) – either 2nr 20ft secure storage containers adjacent to each other, **OR** 1nr 40ft secure storage container. Colour to be confirmed though preferably forest green to fit in with surrounding area. Located in close proximity to the central pathway to the playing fields for ease of staff moving sports equipment.