

## **Sugdens Bowling Club**

### **Proposed Shelters – Design and Access Statement**

This is an application for a minor development – the erection of 2 shelters at the side of the bowling green.

The design of the shelters is in keeping with traditional design principles for shelters in recreation grounds/bowling greens. They will be simple, non-fussy, buildings. They are designed to serve their purpose which is to provide shelter from the weather for spectators at the bowls matches. They are designed to be low maintenance and will be constructed of blockwork, timber and steel.

The site is well screened from surrounding public viewpoints and neighbouring residential properties by trees and shrubs. The colours of the shelters – green and brown – will be unobtrusive.

Access to the shelters is via a well surfaced path from the car park to the club and then via well surfaced internal paths. The shelters will be open at each end to facilitate ease of access under/through the shelters by all users including those in wheel chairs or pushchairs.

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### **Tree Survey**

There are a number of trees on the ground surrounding the bowling green and it is important to assess the potential impact of the proposal on these trees. The trees are marked on the accompanying plan and a tree survey has been carried out and the information is set out below.

| <b>Ref no. as on plan</b> | <b>Species</b>  | <b>Diameter of trunk at 1.2m above ground level</b> | <b>Root spread in accordance with BS5837</b> |
|---------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|
| 1                         | Horse Chestnut  | 0.65m                                               | 7.80m                                        |
| 2                         | Horse Chestnut  | 0.70m                                               | 8.4m                                         |
| 3                         | Silver Birch    | 0.35m                                               | 4.20m                                        |
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| 5                         | Norway Maple    | 0.40m                                               | 4.80m                                        |
| 6                         | Norway Maple    | 0.25m                                               | 3.00m                                        |
| 7                         | Lime            | 0.5m                                                | 6.00m                                        |
| 8                         | Ash             | 0.5m                                                | 6.00m                                        |
| 9                         | Lombardy Poplar | 0.45m                                               | 5.40m                                        |
| 10                        | Cherry          | 0.3m                                                | 3.6m                                         |
| 11                        | Horse Chestnut  | 0.64m                                               | 7.68m                                        |
| 12                        | Lombardy Poplar | 0.40m                                               | 4.8m                                         |
| 13                        | Lime            | 0.4m                                                | 4.8m                                         |
| 14                        | Horse Chestnut  | 0.5m                                                | 6.00m                                        |
| 15                        | Lombardy Poplar | 0.45                                                | 5.40m                                        |

The trees are in generally good condition.

The club's preference would be to site the trees on the northern and southern sides of the green. However, the tree survey has revealed that there may be a potential conflict on the northern side. There is no desire to remove any of the trees and consequently the club have reconsidered the proposal and located one of the shelters to the western side of the green.

The shelters have been located in positions where there should be no damage to the roots of the trees as a result of building work in the course of constructing the shelters.