

SILKSTONE PARISH COUNCIL

COMMUNITY FACILITIES HUB, SILKSTONE

DESIGN AND ACCESS STATEMENT

1.0 Site Assessment

The site is located behind the petrol station off the A628 in Silkstone, Barnsley. The scheme is to be located on the grassed area adjacent the new Huskar Community Rooms and existing multi use games area (MUGA). Grid reference SE289052 Easting 428952, Northing 405273. The nearest postcode is S75 4LX.

2.0 The Proposed Scheme

The proposed scheme is laid out in the Community Facilities Hub Vision document and falls into 3 areas in planning terms. Objective 2 in the Vision document – the footpaths, steps and bridges in Conroyd wood are all existing features in a Parish Council owned woodland and so fall outside the scope of this document.

- Create a picnic orchard and trim trail play area
- Install an extension to the MUGA with low light polluting floodlights which can be used by all the community, local schools and various sports clubs.
- Increase the car parking capacity from 24 to 35 parking bays including disabled and family parking.

3.0 Planning Policy

The following planning policies from the Barnsley MBC Unitary Development Plan (UDP) have been considered during this application:

GS1 Regeneration: This scheme is in line with BMBC policy to promote environmental improvements. The quality of life of the people who live in the area shall be enhanced and not harmed by the effects of the development.

GS22 Protection and planting of trees, woodland and hedgerows: There are no protected trees or woodland affected by the proposed landscaping.

GS37 New opportunities for Outdoor Recreation Space: this scheme follows the UDP guidance for the improvement of formal and casual recreational provision by upgrading this existing site.

BE1 – BE1A Conservation Areas – This policy has been considered and the proposed scheme is not in a Conservation area.

BE6 Design Standards – The layout has been sympathetically designed to complement the existing recreation ground and woodland surroundings.

BE6B – D – Design and Access for the Public – The scheme has taken account of the needs of the elderly and infirm, people with pushchairs and/or small children and wheelchair users by the

Planning Policies

The relevant planning policies affecting the site have been addressed within section 3.0.

Community Involvement

The scheme has the support of the Silkstone Parish Council, Barnsley MBC Ward Councillors, CARE (Community Action in the Rural Environment), Silkstone Utd football club and Silkstone cricket club. Local residents have also been invited to participate in a survey.

Design and Layout of the scheme

- It is felt that the scheme is justified in terms of existing site and land use policies.
- The improvements have been sympathetically designed to enhance the existing recreational facilities and will provide a hub for children, young people and adults to take part in sporting activities.

Scale

The grassed area is 23m x 32m, this will be used for the picnic area, trim trail and MUGA extension. The existing car park will be slightly extended and marked out to provide additional parking bays.

Landscaping

The landscaping scheme is outlined in sections 2.0 and 5.0.

Appearance

The materials for the trim trail have been chosen to complement the rural setting and are described fully in the Vision document.

Access

The improvements to the landscaping aim to provide equal access to all users of the area.

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