

Welfare Park Car Park Design and Access Statement.

1. Introduction

This document is a design and access statement for a planning application for planning permission to promote better quality and more sustainable design. It is proposed to create a 72-space car park on the land that has been derelict for 30 years that was formerly a tennis court within Welfare Park, Goldthorpe, Barnsley. The car park will transform an unused and neglected space into much needed car parking relief to reduce curbside and grass verge parking in Welfare Park and the surrounding area from the patrons of the Dearne Playhouse, Dearne and District Football Club, Goldthorpe Lift Centre, and the I Know I Can Youth Centre.



Image 1-Proposed Car Park Location, Welfare Park.

2. Context of site

a. Site location

Welfare Park is between Goldthorpe Road and Washington Road, Goldthorpe. Welfare Park is highlighted red with the proposed car park marked blue. The Dearne Playhouse is highlighted green, Dearne and District Football Club highlighted yellow, and Goldthorpe Lift Centre and car park are the white areas not highlighted next to Welfare Park.

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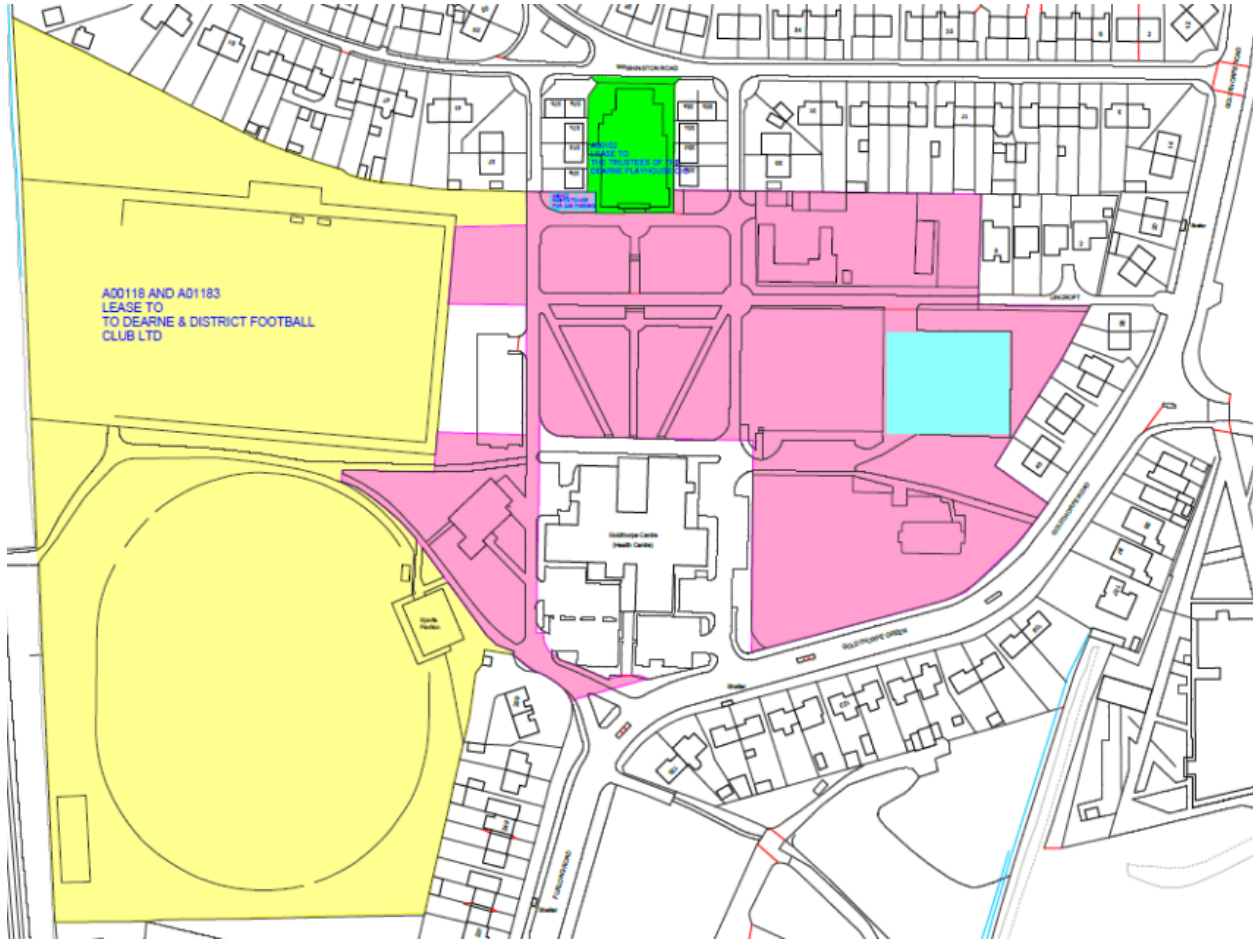


Image 2- Welfare Park location plan.



Image 3- Welfare Park Aerial View.

b. Existing Land Use

Welfare Park is held in trust by BMBC for the people of Goldthorpe and any change or development on the land needs to conform to the guiding principles of CISWO (the Coal Industry Social Welfare Organisation). Their mission statement is to *'improve the lives of former coal miners and their families.'* Welfare Park is comprised of open green space, a former bowling green and disused overgrown tarmac area.

The site is in a busy hub of community facilities with a high traffic on evenings, weekends and in school holidays. The Dearne Playhouse, a community theatre with a capacity of 360 guests is located to the north of the site. To the west of the site is the Dearne and District Football Club and to the south is the BMBC I Know I Can Youth Centre and Lift Centre. During peak times there will be up to 1000 people using the site when both the Dearne Playhouse and Dearne and District Football Club facilities are in use resulting in approximately 200 vehicles on site. Vehicles are often abandoned on grass verges causing damage to curb and grasses areas.

The area proposed to be used as the new car park is land that has been derelict for ~30years and last known to be used as a tennis court in the 1990s. Since then, it was used as the car park for the former public house that was on the site that was demolished in 1998 and has remained unused and unkept since. The Welfare Park site including land leased to Dearne and District FC is 60,400m² and the area proposed for change of use to as car parking is 1600m² equating to 2.7% of the site.

Current Parking Provision

The Lift Centre has approximately 70 car parking spaces in the areas surrounding the building of white are designated accessible parking spaces with an additional 29 spaces in Welfare Park.

The Dearne Playhouse has only 3 designated parking spaces which are all accessible spaces.

Dearne and District Football Club have no designated car parking.

The IKIC centre has 2 parking spaces 1 of which is designated as accessible parking.

Total: 103 spaces (7 accessible)

3. Public Consultation

In 2021, a public consultation activity was held engaging with residents, park users and service users at the I Know I Can centre to understand what they would like to see from the site. The outcome of this consultation identified the need to improve the parking facilities within the park as well as giving people a purpose to use the park such as seating, play equipment and artwork which will be addressed as part of the wider Welfare Park refurbishment works.

Play equipment has been installed to the south-east of the site next to the MUGA (Multi Use Games Area) fulfilling this request. As part of the wider refurbishment to Welfare Park public art will be installed by working with local artists and the community.

Following the refurbishment works to the Dearne Playhouse they are working to diversify their programme to wider the reach of the playhouse which will attract patrons from further afield therefore further increasing the number of parking spaces required.

4. Proposed works

The proposed works are to resurface the derelict site to create 72 car parking spaces with a separate entrance and exit to the car park. The entrance would be from Goldthorpe Green via Welfare Park and exiting to the south of the car park heading towards the Lift Centre then onto Goldthorpe Green. The car park will be lit using solar powered street lighting as detailed *05__Car Park - Drawing 01.1 - Drawing 01* attached.

Acoustic fencing would be installed to the north and east boundaries to ensure there is no disturbance to neighbouring properties. A pedestrian barrier would also be installed to the south of the proposed car park to match existing barriers. Appropriate signage and road markings would be installed detailed in *05__Car Park - Drawing 01.1* attached.



Image 4- Proposed Traffic Flow Route.

Drawings attached:

- 04__Sign Schedules
- 05__Car Park - Drawing 01.1
- 06_Yorkshire Water- Drainage- Goldthorpe Green
- 07_ CISWO Consent to Works - Goldthorpe Welfare Park
- 08 Welfare Park BNG Assessment

Proposed Car Park Condition.



Image 5-Proposed Car Park Entrance, Welfare Park.



Image 6- Proposed Car Park Exit, Welfare Park.



Image 7- Proposed Car Park, Welfare Park.