

Design and Access Statement
Pram and Buggy Shelter – Penistone Children’s Centre, Church Street,
Penistone, S36 6AR

The proposed planning request seeks approval for the erection of a single pram and buggy shelter to be located to land to the front left hand side of the St. John’s Community Centre, Church Street, Penistone, S36 6AR. The site location is both sensitive to the environment and unobtrusive. The shelter is intended to provide secure, safe and sheltered storage for prams and buggies belonging to parents who access the Children’s Centre based within the Community Centre. Permission for the provision of the shelter has been granted by Penistone Town Council following consultation with them.

The shelter has been identified as needed in view of the limited storage space for prams and buggies within the Community Centre. The Community Centre has recently seen increased usage of the premises in light of the Children’s Centre being located there. Children’s Centre services are targeted at families with children under 5 years of age. A large number of Centre users use prams and buggies to transport younger children to the Centre’s activities and in view of limited capacity to store these it has been identified that an external storage shelter would be of benefit to the community.

The shelter comprises of a fixed shelter which will be located on a concrete base. The construction materials of the shelter comprises of galvanised box section steel powder coated to a colour appropriate to the environment. The shelter will have open front access and will be 4m in width.

The area of land on which the shelter will be located will be sensitively landscaped and maintained by the Parish Council caretakers who have responsibility for the upkeep of the Community Centre and its grounds. The shelter is openly accessible to Centre users and will be available for use by the wider public when the Centre is closed. The provision of a shelter will reduce health and safety risks associated with overcrowding in the Community Centre premises and will promote the Centre as being ‘child friendly’.