

ACCESS STATEMENT

HSG 4084A

PROPOSED REFURBISHMENT OF TRAVELLERS SITE SMITHIES BARNSELEY

DESIGN

The above works are necessary to provide an enlarged up to date site with facilities for travellers. The existing site although well kept and managed is dated and requires attention to provide a less sterile greener appealing environment.

Although the existing site is almost full to capacity with some families being in residence there for over 25 years, the new layout/design will allow for additional travellers to reside there, the general catchment area for the site being the borough of Barnsley. The existing site is at the end of a dead end road, and is not open to the public for general access/egress purposes.

The refurbishment works will be phased to allow residents to stay on site whilst the works are carried out, and the existing ground conditions will make site operations more complex than usual whilst taking into environmental issues of carbon emissions, drainage, water run off, local flora and fauna. By increasing the site area by approx. 1/3rd the site when complete will provide 30 No. plots (an increase of 2) with a separate community centre and play area, thus allowing more open space generally.

Construction materials for the utility blocks are traditional with facing brick walls, concrete roof tiles and Upvc doors and windows. They are designed to meet latest insulation standards with energy efficient air to water heat pumps for the heating/hot water, and low energy lighting to all areas where applicable.

ACCESS

The existing established site has reasonable access with local bus routes passing near to the main entrance on Smithies Lane and a reasonably level approach is possible throughout most of the site. The site is not readily visible from the main highway/access road and good directional signage may have to be installed.