

DESIGN & ACCESS STATEMENT

Project: Proposed Car Park - Penistone Cricket Club.

Date: December 2017.

This access statement is for the purposes of planning only. It should be read in conjunction with the application plans.

History

Penistone Cricket Club was founded on the 1st of April 1865

Parking for the club had been by private agreement on a piece of land adjacent to Queen Street. A subsequent planning approval on this land has led to the requirement of the cricket club to find alternative parking.

As part of the planning approval a Section 106 was placed on the developer to provide £50K for the cricket club to fund alternative arrangements.

Access

The Springvale Cricket ground is accessed via an unmetalled adopted Road - Queen Street. A small vehicle bridge over the river Don accesses the Cricket grounds.

The requirement is for approximately 40 cars to access the site on a weekly basis during playing season.

Refuse vehicles are not required within the site as all waste is carried out by hand and taken to the local recycling centre. There are no plans to alter this arrangement.

Penistone Fire service have historically never needed to access the grounds and have verbally confirmed that they have no issue using the river water and pumps to access any part of the cricket grounds. In the past Penistone Fire Station has used the cricket grounds for pump testing in a quid pro quo arrangement whereby the club grounds got a good summer watering.

Design

The proposal is to extend the existing access over the vehicle bridge around the outfield and into a parcel of land owned by the cricket club to the East of the Site.

The proposed car parking area has had previous uses such as tennis courts, however it is currently little more than scrub land.

The proposed access and car parking areas will be made up of a bound gravel system, compacted in 200mm layers.

A turning head is proposed prior to the bridge, this would be made up of the bound gravel surface and would be limited in its use. This is subject to BMBC estates department being amenable to the use of this land. Use of this land would require a clearing of scrub plants only and would not require the removal of any trees.

Penistone Cricket club has been in contact with Tanya Hunter from BMBC Estates to explore the possibility of forming an agreement for the use of this land.

A sleeping policeman or similar is proposed between the gravel adopted surface and the proposed gravel unadopted surface so that gravel from the unadopted road does not cross over onto the gravel surface of the adopted.

Signage will be provided at the start of the unadopted surface to state that the road is private.

Signage will be provided to the bridge to prevent heavy vehicles attempting to cross.

A report on the existing bridge capacity has been included with this application.

It is proposed to include land drainage under the new car parking area. This will be a 150mm perforated pipe surrounded by a bio membrane and set to flow into the River Don. An open chute will be constructed several meters back from the river bank.

Boundary Treatments.

It is not intended to undertake and new or altered boundary treatments as part of this application.

The proposed vehicle route has been positioned to avoid any tree roots.

Flood Risk Assessment

The cricket ground is covered by flood zone 3.

As the proposal is for a car park to be used in association with the cricket ground it is not proposed to submit a separate flood risk assessment.

If the pitch is flooded or the weather is inclement then cricket cannot be played.

The club has limited funding means so attempting to purchase land elsewhere is not a viable solution.

No vehicles will be on site outside of the cricket clubs hours except service vehicles for maintenance etc. Poor weather or pitch flooding will preclude these activities.