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design and access statement

Project: Barnsley NHS Hospital Foundation Trust
Proposed Car Park – Gawber Road, Barnsley S75 2EP

Job No: 3156

Design and Access Statement for demolition of 2 No. vacant staff accommodation units to allow formation of new car park for staff at Barnsley Hospital NHS Foundation Trust accessed from existing entrance off Pogmoor Road.

1. Introduction

The Design and Access Statement (DAS) accompanies an application for demolition of 2 (of the 12No) existing Staff accommodation units which have become surplus to requirements and have been vacant since March 2008. The DAS has been written to meet requirements of Article 4C of the Town and Country Planning (General Development Procedure) Order 1995 (as amended).

The units to be demolished and replaced by the car park are on land forming part of the existing hospital site.

The proposal which is submitted in detail seeks planning permission for the development of a car park for sole use of Barnsley Hospital Trust Employees.

1a. Site Assessment

The site is located at Barnsley Hospital NHS Trust, Gawber Road, Pogmoor, Barnsley. The proposed car park will be accessed via the existing access off Pogmoor Road.

The site is bounded by housing to the North and East (some distance from the area of works) and Pogmoor Road to the West boundary with Gawber Road to the South which is where the main site entrance is located.

2. Use

The proposal is to alleviate the parking problems. Parking being severely restricted at the main hospital site. The aim is to improve and reduce local resident problems with cars parking in the surrounding street.

3. Layout

The proposal is to demolish 2 of the staff accommodation units, level the site following the natural contours of the land and surface the site area in Macadam.

4. Scale

The scale of the proposal is determined by the demand from the Hospital to allow it's employees to park safely adjacent to their place of work and on site accommodation residence. The visual impact to the adjacent properties will be minimised by the layout being surrounded by the existing 3 storey accommodation blocks which are to be retained.

5. Landscaping

No soft landscaping exists in this area other than grassed areas which are to be retained with the exception of the areas falling within the confines of the new car park. The new car park will hard landscaped in tarmac.

6. Appearance

The area will be finished with Macadam with existing lighting retained.

7. Access

The site access via Pogmoor Road will be maintained.

8. Car Parking

Not applicable as whole use is car park.

9. Inclusive Access

The development will follow the natural contours of the land and will be hard surface, therefore access will be available to all areas for all people. The hospital will provide staff who have special needs parking spaces elsewhere on the main hospital site as well as increasing Patient and Visitor spaces when new facility comes online.

The design will therefore meet or exceed the standards set out in the following publications.

- The Building Regulations Approved Document Part M (2004)
- BS8400 (2001)
- Disabled Discrimination Act 1995