

Design and Access Statement  
Proposed Storage Hut  
22nd Barnsley Central Scout Group  
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#### 1. Introduction

This Design and Access Statement (DAS) has been prepared in support of a planning application for the erection of a new storage hut within the grounds of the 22nd Barnsley Central Scout Group. The statement outlines the design rationale and explains how access and layout have been considered in accordance with planning guidance and best practice.

#### 2. Use

The proposed storage hut will provide secure, weatherproof storage for essential scouting equipment, supporting the group's activities, training, and youth engagement programs. The use is ancillary to the existing scout group facilities and will not change the overall operation of the site.

#### 3. Amount

- Dimensions: 3.6 m wide × 11 m long × 2.5 m high (maximum)
- Footprint: 39.6 m<sup>2</sup>
- Structure: Single-storey storage building

The modest scale ensures that the building is proportionate to the existing site and its surroundings.

#### 4. Layout

The hut will be sited within the existing scout grounds, in a location that avoids interference with existing activities and neighbouring properties. Existing access from Queens Drive will be used, and no new access roads or hardstanding are required. The positioning maintains the functional outdoor space for scout activities.

#### 5. Scale

The single-storey design and simple rectangular form (3.6 × 11 m) are appropriate for the site, minimising visual impact. The height of 2.5 m ensures the building does not dominate existing structures and retains a low-profile appearance compatible with the character of the scout group grounds.

#### 6. Appearance

The building will be constructed using precast concrete panels, providing a durable, low-maintenance, and secure structure. The neutral grey finish will blend with the existing surroundings. The roof will match the panel colour to maintain a simple and unobtrusive visual profile.

#### 7. Landscaping

No significant landscaping is required. The small footprint and location of the hut ensure minimal disturbance to the site. Rainwater will permeate into the ground, promoting natural drainage and avoiding additional runoff.

#### 8. Access

Access to the storage hut will be from the existing entrance and paths from Queens Drive. The development does not require changes to parking or external access and is fully compatible with current site arrangements. The internal layout will allow safe and convenient storage and retrieval of equipment for scout leaders and members.

#### 9. Sustainability

The design prioritises durability and low maintenance through the use of precast concrete panels. Permeable drainage reduces surface water impact. The structure will last for decades with minimal repair, supporting the sustainable operation of the scout group.

## 10. Conclusion

The proposed storage hut is a modest, well-designed addition to the 22nd Barnsley Central Scout Group. The design is proportionate, visually unobtrusive, and functional, ensuring safe, secure storage for essential equipment while maintaining the amenity and appearance of the site. The access and layout use existing infrastructure, avoiding unnecessary alterations or impact on neighbouring properties.

The proposal complies with local and national planning policies, supporting community facilities and sustainable development.

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