Design and Access Statement for

Grassmere Community Allotment, Staincross, Barnsley

The identified greenspace and adjoining play area are owned and managed by Barnsley MBC. The green space is currently unused and is maintained to a minimum standard consisting of grass cutting and hedge cutting as and when required. There is currently no hard standing or surfacing anywhere on the site. Existing fencing and a double leaf gate enclose the space, which will not be effected by this development. Installations will be to a minimum of 1.5m from the boundary to allow 360 degree access for maintenance.

Existing access to the proposed development is currently via BMBC play area which will continue although will be formally distinguished with the installation of a 1.5m wide footpath.

Groundwork Dearne Valley is working in partnership with BMBC on a programme of allotment improvements across the borough. The Grassmere Community Allotment was developed as a project to be funded by the Allotment Development Programme due to the lack of growing space in the area and local demand for such a space. Groundwork's Allotment Officer has been working with individuals from the community to develop designs for the site, and secure funding for the start up costs.

The development will see footpaths installed to a minimum of 1.5m to ensure that the site is accessible by wheelchairs and pushchairs.

There are no trees which will be affected by the development

(Please see the enclosed map).

All physical works will be carried out by BMBC and any machinery needed for the work will be stored in a secure container or taken back to a secure depo, and where possible any materials/waste taken off site will be recycled. All physical works will take place between the hours of 8am and 4pm.