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THE PACKHORSE, HAYFIELD
LIGHTWEIGHT STRUCTURES AND ADVERTISING HOARDING

DESIGN AND ACCESS STATEMENT

SITE

The site of the structures and advertising hoarding which are the subject of this application is a cobbled area outside the front of the Packhorse Pub.
The area has traditionally been used as an outdoor drinking area, equipped with tables, umbrellas and seating benches and from time to time used for outdoor food preparation and consumption (eg. Barbecues, hog roasts etc.)



Historically the area was used for trading and was the venue at various times of year for local farmers and shepherds to exchange and sell stock, particularly stray sheep. This activity was seen as a social occasion and was accompanied by refreshment, both of food and drink.

APPLICATION USE

This application is to obtain planning consent for a set of lightweight structures which have been installed on the site.
The structures are as follows:

1. 5no. canopies, which are joined together to provide an outdoor covered seating area.
2. Barbecue platform – a timber platform used from time to time for outdoor cooking (eg barbecues).
3. Low level advertising hoarding

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DESIGN
The lightweight canopies are in a modular system, consisting of grey powder coated aluminium framework of very slender profile, supporting a low "barrel vaulting shaped tensile material in white, translucent material. The height of the structures is modest, being approx. 2.50m to the top of the domes. The 5no canopies are joined together to provide an outdoor covered seating area.

The barbecue platform is constructed in natural finish rot treated timber, the platform fixed just above ground level with a 900mm high balustrade on 3 sides. Again the platform is modest in size, being approx. 2.500x3.000m in plan.





The " advertising" hoarding is primarily intended as a means of low level enclosure around the tables and benches, in order to provide customers a small measure of protection from the weather and a separation from the road and traffic. The hoarding is approximately 1.000m high and consists of a timber framework with a black plasticized fabric wrapped over.
The words www.thepackhorsehayfield.com are printed on it in lowercase lettering approximately 150mm in height in a burgundy colour. Similarly the uppercase "PH" is printed on at each end approximately 450mm in height.

All of the structures which are subject of this application are lightweight, of dry construction and are very easily removable.

ACCESS
The seating areas on the site are all accessible to people of disability (albeit that the cobbled floor surface is somewhat uneven).
The area is immediately adjacent to the pub car park and is well positioned for access by people who are unable to manage steps. The pub does have an access ramp for wheelchairs to the side of the building and the site is therefore accessible from inside the building.

CONCLUSION
The structures provide an outdoor area which gives some protection from weather. It does not remove any parking places from the pub and is in an area which is traditionally used for this function and is visually an improvement on previous more ad hoc arrangements of picnic tables, benches and large umbrellas. The barbecue platform provides an outdoor cooking area, used from time to time, which is safer to use than previous arrangements of trestle tables etc.