

Design and Access statement

Related to Site of

Hadfield St Andrews Cricket and Sports Club,
Newshaw Lane,
Hadfield
SK13 2AT

The proposal is to extend the existing pavilion currently on land forming and known as St Andrews Cricket and Sports Club, Newshaw Lane, Hadfield. This is to improve the changing facilities for use by members and users of the clubs facilities.

This Design and Access statement is prepared to demonstrate an integrated approach to design and access. The objectives included are Environmental sustainability; Character; Community Safety and Access, movement to, from and within the development

The short report is to be read in conjunction with supporting drawings which clearly show the proposed plans and elevations.

The statement is proportionate to the size and complexity of the application.
The report demonstrates that the proposal is based on a good understanding of the local context.

General

The proposal is to extend the existing clubhouse to form improved changing and toilet facilities. The existing club house has been in place for many years and this will remain. The extension will also create space for the storage of expensive ground maintenance machinery which is currently stored in two ancillary structures to the side of the existing clubhouse. These buildings will be removed creating space for the side extension. The original clubhouse will benefit from a revised internal toilet arrangement which will now include a WC designed for use by disabled persons

The cricket club is benefiting from an award granted by Inspired facilities (Sports England) and will use the monies to significantly improve and extend the limited and run down toilet facilities (including new disabled and baby changing) also creating larger changing rooms and shower areas, including wider corridors, doors and ramp to allow wheelchair access. The extension has been designed to meet the Sport England design standards for pavilions and club houses.

The proposed changes will provide a more spacious and hygienic environment. With the provision of more toilet facilities both for men and women and delivering disabled and baby changing facilities, this too will give greater space and comfort to existing players, existing members, new players, new members and community groups.

The facility is well-known and the building is currently a popular and well supported recreational sports club but its current facilities fall below the standard expected of modern sports clubs.

The main adjacent neighbour is the residential nursing home which shares the existing access off Newshaw lane. The proposal will not affect the current arrangements. There are no other adjacent residents.

Accessibility and movement to, from and within the development

The existing access and boundaries are established and have been in existence for many years. The existing road network provides adequate access to the site. These established access routes have proved over time to be suitable.

This area is well served by local transport with bus routes within easy walking distance.

There are no yellow lines on the adjacent and nearby road network. The new nearby properties have their own defined off street spaces. Servicing of the property is minimal with the main access requirement being when a cricket match is in progress primarily this is on Saturday afternoons.

The extension is to improve and replace current inadequate changing facilities and will not generate additional traffic

Scale and Layout

The existing size and volume of the building will be increased by the extension. The extension will replace the two ancillary structures.

Appearance and Character

The existing structure is of traditional construction and rendered white in colour with a tiled pitched roof. The existing boundaries will remain. The extension will be constructed of similar materials with the ridge height being consistent with the existing. The completed extension by replacing the existing container and garage will improve the visual impact. I would suggest that the adjacent neighbour will welcome the improvement.

Environmental impact and sustainability

The design of the development is to provide an affordable extension.

This project endorses the Peak Sub Region PPG 17 Open Space, Sport & Recreation Study Sport Assessment Report from 2008 that 'Providing good quality changing accommodation will not only improve Health and Safety Issues, but also increase the capacity of sites to accommodate teams' and improving the facilities will assist in delivering this plan

The improvement to facilities would have significant benefits not only to the cricket club, but also be available for use by other sports groups, particularly looking to find suitable playing areas, changing and toilet facilities.

The improvements will significantly enhance community involvement and participation and we believe the improved facilities will greatly enhance active sport participation.

Community safety

The proposed change will most likely improve the potential for security and community safety. The existing curtilage fence will restrict unauthorised access.