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DESIGN AND ACCESS STATEMENT

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View of existing Portacabins to be removed

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This document has been prepared by Martin Ralph Surveyors /Architects Group on behalf of Havant and Waterlooville Football Club . This planning application seeks approval to replace to the existing portacabins which are used as offices , club shop and storage and replaced them with a new 2 storey flat roofed masonry construction building for use as a Hospitality Suite containing new toilets with provision for disabled use and baby change, catering for take away food on match days, Hospitality Room also office for Stewards and Police for use on match days, the site is located at the main entrance to the South terrace which is access via the car park area off Martin Road .

1. INTRODUCTION.

It is believed that Havant and Waterlooville Football Club first obtained planning approval in 1993 to installed portacabins at this location on the site , the present arrangement is recorded as being present in 2009 where a two tier portacabin arrangement to accommodate club shop and to provide additional office accommodation, This arrangement was seen to be a stop gap arrangement for the accommodation uses.

2. CONTEXT.

Havant and Waterlooville Football Club, relocated to Westleigh park in 1980 and opened in August 1982 having progressed through to the 1st Division of the Hampshire League, over the years has seen the club consolidate as an established football club with its impressive Cup exploits that has really captured both local and National attention as they have earned the un-official title of 'CupSpecialists'. The football club has an ongoing aspiration to refurbishment, improve and added new facilities to Support their needs.

3. PLANNING HISTORY.

There has been many applications over the years, the most recent was in May 2019 planning approval was obtained permit ref;- APP/18/01048 for New changing rooms facilities , this being located to the west side of these existing portacabins which are the subject of this new planning application.

4. DESIGN.

The proposal is to remove the existing steel portacabins which some would say is overdue , it is proposed to replace them with a two storey masonry constructed building of facing brick external facades with flat roof construction, the height of the proposed building is similar to the height of the existing portacabins also its width east to west is very similar to the portacabins. The new building has increased floor area on the north to south axis. The toilet facilities will also offer additional accessible disabled and baby change facilities also catering for takeaway food on match days the new building will enhance the onsite facilities to welcome a wider spectrum of supporter.

5. CONCLUSION.

The proposal is one that would clearly enhance the Football clubs array of facilities on offer to their supporters, replacing the steel portacabins , with a building will enhance the south Terrace entrance for visitors and the adjacent wider built environment.