

Consultee Comments for Planning Application APP/17/00295

Application Summary

Application Number: APP/17/00295

Address: WaterlooVille Swimming Pool, Waterberry Drive, WaterlooVille, PO7 7UW

Proposal: HYBRID APPLICATION: Full planning permission for reconfiguration of existing ground car park and development of single storey deck car park. Outline planning permission for future extension on current footprint of overflow car park at WaterlooVille Leisure Centre for access and layout with all other matters reserved.

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Consultee Details

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Comments

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From a landscape perspective we do not object to this application however we have the following comments:

- We acknowledge and promote the requirement for quality leisure facilities for the residents of WaterlooVille and the surrounding areas. Whilst we understand the necessity for additional vehicular parking as the leisure centre expands we would like to affirm the importance of sustainable transport. As such we would like to see greater emphasis on good quality cycle links with 3m width hard surfaced paths, appropriate lighting and good quality cycle parking facilities.
- It is noted that the current site plan proposes a path/cycle path access from Hambledon road. Whilst we support this provision of cycle/footpath access this should be in conjunction with approval from the relevant highway authority. We would like to suggest a phased approach to this access point with a cohesive program in partnership with the highway authority. Therefore this access point should be shown as illustrative in this instance.
- The current streetscape to the south of Hambledon road adjacent to the site is continuous vegetation and this should be retained in order to preserve the current vernacular. The proposed access/path layout to onto Hambledon road is deemed to break this continuous green corridor. Although we appreciate an access point will inevitably break this continuous link a more consider design could soften the views into the site. An angled path could alleviate the visual break and create an interesting access through the vegetation but with careful consideration with regards to sightlines and positioning of access point in relation to existing highway context.

- It is noted that that submitted landscape plan only shows the soft landscaping proposals adjacent to Waterberry drive which have already been implemented and are therefore not deemed appropriate for this application.
- Subsequently we would like to condition the following plans to be submitted; Hard landscaping plan, Soft landscaping plan (providing details of planting specification and density for all proposed planting) and subsequent management plan, lighting scheme proposals, tree protection plan to mitigate against any loss of trees and further details on the proposed cycle parking provisions.

Please get in contact should you have any queries.

Best regards,

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