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Planning Statement

Front Lawn Recreation Ground Project

**Minor Material Amendment to Application reference APP/15/01162
Extension and alterations to pavilion at Front Lawn Recreational Ground,
construction of new full size Artificial Turf Pitch, extension and improvements to
existing parking area, refurbishment and alterations to existing hard surfaced area to
create M.U.G.A (multi use games area) and installation of floodlights.**

In relation to planning application reference APP/15/01162 the applicant is proposing a Minor Material Amendment to the on site car parking provision. The initial proposed provision of car parking as detailed in approved plan 27973PD-101 showed 67 car parking spaces with an additional 10 disabled bays. It is recognised that this level of provision supersedes the initial requirement for the project and does not fit with the budget projections. The amended level of parking provision for the on site car parking is for a total of 40 spaces including 3 disabled bays. This proposed amended provision doubles the estimated existing provision for the site.

It is difficult at this stage to estimate the number of users that the on site activities will generate and therefore a phased approach to the development of the car parking provision will support natural growth if required. Surrounding car parking provision at the Greywell Centre and Tidworth Road car parks is currently under utilised and have spare capacity. It is proposed that users would be signposted to these public car parks if required.

Any surplus generated by the operator from the on site activities will be reinvested back into the facilities, therefore it is anticipated that the car park could receive additional investment through this method if demand requires.

To ensure that external funding gained for this project is most effectively utilised and the needs of the end users are met, a phased approach to the car parking provision is deemed as the most suitable option.

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