

DESIGN AND ACCESS STATEMENT

CURRENT USE

The site location is within Waterloo Recreation Ground, outside of the boundaries of the current cricket and football pitches. The area has been used for cricket nets and practice facilities in the past and two old artificial wickets are already in place there.

AREA PROPOSED

The proposed cricket nets will cover an area of 490 sqm which is currently grassed but containing two old artificial strips. This area will be replaced by a green all weather playing surface, surrounded by netting and a security fence in total measuring 35m x 13.98 m

DESIGN PRINCIPLES

The design and location of the facility has been discussed with Havant Borough Council.

The area is located away from dwellings or other buildings in an area already being used for cricket practice/nets.

There is easy access from car parks at either side of the recreation ground, with perimeter paths around the ground giving access to the proposed facility.

The cricket nets will be constructed to English Cricket Board (ECB) specifications using ECB approved suppliers and will provide sufficient nets and practice capacity to meet the Club's needs for the foreseeable future. It will also provide suitable practice facilities for other local junior sports clubs and schools.

The construction will include side and overhead netting to a height of 3.6 metres to retain cricket balls within the facility and will be protected by security fencing to prevent damage by unauthorized users.

Surfaces will be green or grey to ensure playing surfaces, nets and fencing blend with the environment.

ACCESS

There is adequate parking at either side of the recreation ground and access for pedestrians from perimeter paths from the car parks. The perimeter parks are also suitable for access for disabled users.

There is adequate access for ground maintenance vehicles from either side of the ground and the siting of the practice facility does not hinder grass cutting/maintenance on the existing cricket and football grounds.

MAINTENANCE

Construction is for a long life and the facility will be protected by security fencing so maintenance should be low, Waterloooville Cricket club will be responsible for maintenance in conjunction with the supplier.

ARBOREAL IMPACT

No trees or bushes are impacted by the facility.

IMPACT ON LOCAL RESIDENTS

There are dwellings affected by the facility which is located in an area already used for a similar purpose.