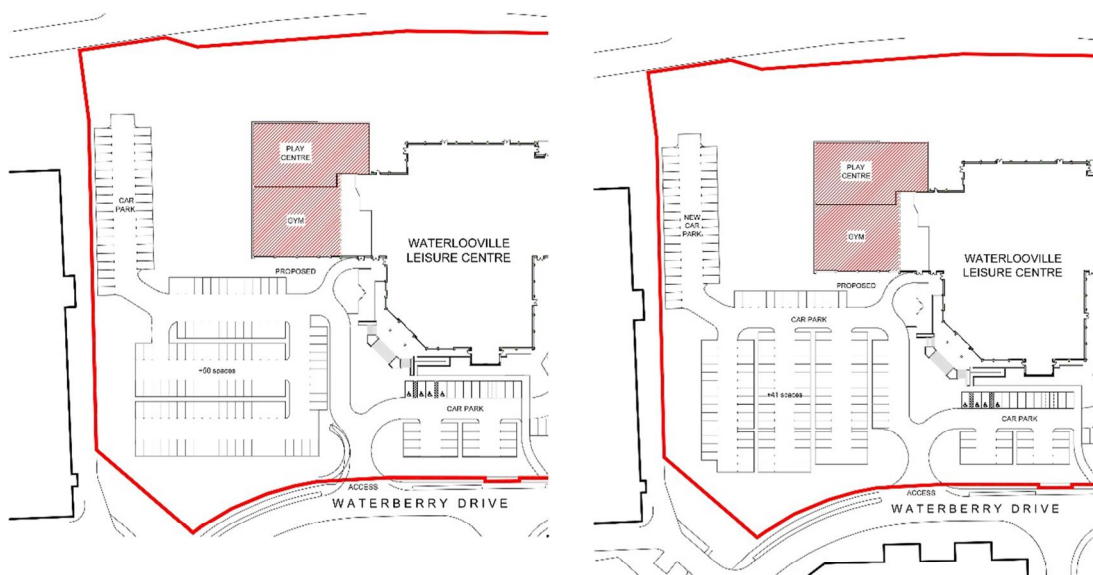


Planning Statement – Overflow car park, WaterlooVille Leisure Centre

This application seeks permission for a temporary overflow car park within an area of land that currently has outline planning permission for a new sports hall, **APP/14/00024**. This application has been submitted on the basis that it will not unduly affect the outline planning application as discussed prior to this submission with Mr Cantwell. The current approved application is due to be funded by 106 contributions but due to the legalities of this money being drawn down it is unlikely to be forthcoming until 2018/19. On occasions when the leisure centre is hosting certain events i.e swimming galas the current parking provision is not sufficient with competitors having to park out on the neighbouring industrial estate, this application aims to address this situation with a temporary overflow car park.

The current car park is very generously spaced out with a lot of circulation space and surrounded by wide landscaped strips. The client has undertaken the exercise to look at re-setting out the existing car park and is also looking at the extent of landscaping surrounding the site that could potentially be pruned back. Just re-setting out the existing car park would gain back an additional 41 - 50 car parking spaces. This would cover the additional 40 spaces that we are temporarily proposing within the overflow car park area that has outline planning consent for a sports hall. Due to operational issues and the funding required from the 106 this work on the existing car park at present cannot be carried out.



Options for re-setting out the existing car park

In terms of the future impact on car parking Horizon Trust are looking at three options for the new future sports hall, one option is to have a first floor sports hall over the area where we are seeking permission for the temporary car park, the second is to look at an additional car parking area to the west of the site above the service area and the third option currently being explored is looking at the options for providing additional car parking spaces within the existing landscaped areas within the boundary site in conjunction with Mr Wood the community officer for Havant Borough and East Hampshire District Council. With regards to the first option this is why we are seeking a temporary car park with gravel finish as this area in the future will need to be re-excavated for the future construction of the sports hall.

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Ecology:

As part of the original applications for the Waterlooville Leisure Centre an ecology report was submitted which outlined the area for development as having a low ecological value, following this report both schemes were granted planning permission. As this overflow car park is situated within the area granted outline planning permission and is also currently excavated as part of the new extension being constructed no ecology will be effected and the current contractor on site has already implemented the recommended mitigation measures.

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