

**Non-Material Amendment Application
Waterlooville Gym Extension
APP/14/00023**

Access Statement

This application seeks to increase the amount of approved car parking spaces for the above-mentioned application. Currently, the car park is regularly full and unable to cope with demand resulting in indiscriminant parking inside and outside the site boundary. The extension will increase the demand for spaces, which is why additional spaces have been included within the original planning application. Following review, there is an opportunity to further increase the number of spaces within the site to help meet expected demand.

The increase in spaces is being proposed over two sections of the site. The first is located in the new approved overflow car park where rationalising the current design could potentially gain the Leisure Centre another five overflow spaces. The second area is located at the entrance of the Leisure Centre where currently a coach-loading bay is situated. By redesigning this area, this could potentially gain an additional eight spaces with four of these being allocated to disabled spaces so that they are directly in front of the ramped entrance to the Leisure Centre. Currently this bay is occasionally used for the off-loading of coaches (mainly local school swimming trips), and then they travel to the top east corner of the site where there is room for them to park and wait. However due to the dwindling demand from school swimming trips, and where parents tend to take their children to organised swimming lessons after school hours and the quiet nature of the Leisure Centre during these school hours there is no reason why the occasional coaches could not pull up in front of the entrance to off-load, as there is adequate space for them to park and for single traffic to manoeuvre around the parked coach. Also due to the layout of the existing parking, there are several routes in and out of the site, to avoid any temporarily parked coach if a visitor wished to do so. This will increase parking capacity and make better utilisation of limited space within the site.

The current approved application applied for an additional 44 spaces, this application seeks to increase this by 13 additional spaces to create a total of 57 new spaces.

