

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 two lane cricket nets will cover an area of 361 square metres 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.

As shown on the 2 dimensional drawing of the net layout there is adequate clearance of 8.6 metres to the cricket pitch boundary. Clearance from the edge of the caging to the nearest football pitch is 21 metres.

DESIGN PRINCIPLES

The design and location of the facility has been discussed with various representatives of Havant Borough Council details of which are documented elsewhere in this application.

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 as it is our intention to offer the use of the facility to local community organisations.

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 unauthorised users.

The caging can be provided in four different colours as defined in the included specification and we will take advice from the Council to ensure playing surfaces, nets and caging 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 paths 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 long life and the facility will be protected by security fencing so maintenance should be low. Waterloo Cricket Club will ensure the nets against damage and will be responsible for all maintenance in conjunction with the supplier. A copy of our proposed maintenance schedule is enclosed with the application separately.

ARBOREAL IMPACT

No trees or bushes are impacted by the facility.

IMPACT ON LOCAL RESIDENTS

There are no dwellings impacted by the facility which is located in an area already used for a similar purpose. We have



**informed both the local ward councillor and the Chairman of
the local Residence association of our intentions.**

