

Ribble Valley Borough Council



DESIGN AND ACCESS STATEMENT PRO-FORMA

From the 10 August 2006, planning applications relating to certain types of developments are required to be submitted with a design and access statement. When submitting an application, failure to provide a design and access statement of sufficient standard may result in a delayed registration of the application.

What Applications Need to be Accompanied by a Design and Access Statement?

Most planning applications have to be accompanied by a design and access statement, the exceptions being:

- material change in the use of land or buildings, unless it also involves operational development;
- engineering or mining operations;
- development of an existing dwellinghouse, or development within the curtilage or a dwellinghouse for any purpose incidental to the enjoyment of the dwellinghouse, where no part of that dwellinghouse or curtilage is within a designated area or is a listed building. 'Designated Areas' include: • Conservation Areas; • Sites of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI); and • Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB).

Process

What factors have you considered when deciding upon the use, design, scale, layout and materials used in the proposed development?

- * THE PROPOSED DESIGN IS PLANNED TO PROVIDE ACCESSIBLE SPORTS, LEISURE AND RECREATIONAL FACILITIES, PARTICULARLY AIMED AT YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE WHALLEY DISTRICT.
- * THE DESIGN ELEMENTS HAVE BEEN CHOSEN TO BE OF APPROPRIATE SCALE, LAYOUT AND MATERIALS USE TO SUIT THIS VILLAGE SITE.

Use

What will the extension/development be used for and justify why this is necessary?

- * MULTI USE GAMES AREA (M.U.G.A.) TO PROVIDE YEAR-ROUND INFORMAL SPORTS FACILITIES FOR YOUNG PEOPLE OF WHALLEY AND OTHERS.
- * GREEN GYM - 8 STATION EXERCISE EQUIPMENT, NEXT TO THE MUGA FOR USE BY YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULTS.
- * YOUTH SHELTER - AN OPEN, COVERED, SEATING AREA, TO ENCOURAGE SOCIAL ACTIVITY WITH YOUNG PEOPLE AND OTHERS.

Amount

What is the proposed size of the extension/development and why is this necessary and appropriate for the setting of the development?

- * THE M.U.G.A. IS A STANDARD COMMERCIALY AVAILABLE SIZE (40x20m) APPROPRIATE FOR ANTICIPATED RANGE OF SPORTS AND RELATED USES.
- * THE GREEN GYM IS 8 EXERCISE EQUIPMENT STATIONS SUITABLE FOR GENERAL BODY EXERCISES.

* THE YOUTH SHELTER WILL PROVIDE SEATING FOR UP TO 15 YOUNG PEOPLE OR OTHERS.

Layout

Why have you chosen the layout specified in the planning application and how did you eliminate alternative options?

- * THE SITE IS A SAFE AND LEVEL SITE, ADJACENT TO THE MAIN ACCESS ROAD ON THE PLAYING FIELD, AND NEAR TO THE STATION ROAD FOR PUBLIC ACCESS.
- * THE 3 ELEMENTS ARE LOCATED TOGETHER TO ENCOURAGE RELATED SPORT, RECREATION, AND LEISURE USES.
- * NO OTHER PART OF THE SITE WOULD BE SUITABLE.

Scale

Is the scale of the extension/development in keeping with the context of the site and in what way?

- * THE SITE IS PART OF A PUBLIC RECREATION FIELD/SITE, AND ALL 3 ELEMENTS ARE OF APPROPRIATE SCALE FOR THIS SITE AND THE ANTICIPATED USER GROUPS.

Landscaping

If appropriate, specify the boundary treatments and any landscaping included in the development. You may need to justify why certain materials or planting have been used?

- * THE INSTALLATIONS ARE ON A LEVEL, GRASSED SITE, WHICH WILL BE MAINTAINED AS A GRASSED AREA, WITH MOWED AND WILDFLOWER AREAS.
- * THERE WILL BE PERIMETER FOOTPATH SURROUNDING M.U.G.A. AND ACCESS PATHS TO THE GREEN/GYM AND YOUTH SHELTER.

Appearance

Specify how the extension/development fits in terms of its appearance and include details of materials to be used.

- * M.U.G.A. IS STEEL FRAMED WITH TIMBER INFILL PANELS TO SUIT SEMI RURAL SETTING.
- * M.U.G.A. FINISH TO BE SELF COLOURED OR SPRAY PAINTED WITH GREEN / BLUE SHADES + LINE MARKINGS.
- * YOUTH SHELTER TO BE TIMBER FRAMED AND DETAILS.
- * GREEN GYM EQUIPMENT DESIGNED FOR EXTERNAL INSTALLATION AND USE.

Access

Explain how the extension/development will be accessed by vehicles and people. You should consider the need for access by all members of society and emergency vehicles.

- * THERE IS LEVEL ACCESS TO THE SITE.
- * PROPOSED PATHS WILL BE D.D.A. COMPLIANT.
- * THE MAIN ACCESS IS ALSO THE MAIN SITE ACCESS ROAD AND FOOTPATH.
- * THE ACCESS ROAD IS LARGE ENOUGH FOR EMERGENCY ACCESS.