

Design & Access Statement

for:

Replacement and upgrading of recreational facilities,
inclusive of the demolition of existing pavilion and formation of new
training facility building with ancillary sports areas for

The Huddersfield Giants

at

**Woodfield Park Sports
and Social Club,
Meltham Road,
Lockwood,
Huddersfield,
HD4 7BG**

(R2)

Introduction

This statement has been written in accordance with Government Circular 01/206 Section 3 Design and Access statements, and has been prepared to demonstrate how the physical characteristics of the scheme submitted have been influenced throughout the process of assessment, involvement, evaluation and design.

This statement will address the following factors:

- Description
- Use
- Amount
- Layout
- Scale
- Landscaping
- Appearance
- Access
- Flood Risk
- Conclusion
- Heritage Statement

1: Description

This proposal is for the demolition of an existing pavilion and formation of training facility for The Huddersfield Giants.

The site was formally used as a sports and social club for West Yorkshire Police and as such has existing facilities such as the grassed sports fields, bowling green, hardstanding courts, pavilion, access from Meltham Road, internal road and associated hardstandings.

This application should be read in conjunction with the enclosed drawings.

The Huddersfield Giants are a professional Rugby League Team. The new facility will become the home of the First Team and the Academy. It will be used for day to day training and also by the wider community, local junior teams allowing for all year round training with the 4G facility.

The site will be used on a daily basis by approx 50 players and staff, car sharing is encouraged and most of the academy players will use public transport or cycle which will be achievable due to the sustainable location of the site.

The first team will play all their professional games away from this site, the academy will play some home games at the new site and the expected number of spectators are approx 250 (again due to the sustainable location of the site it is expected that the majority will use public transport).

The building will be built to a high standard of energy efficiency and will incorporate ground source heating and solar PV system, of which details are included within this application.

It is expected that the site will increase employment for the local area with four additional full, and 4 part time maintenance, cleaning and catering staff along with positions already fulfilled within the club and its day to day running.

2: Use

The site was formally used as a sports and social club for West Yorkshire Police and as such has existing facilities such as the grassed sports field, bowling green, hardstanding courts, pavilion, access from Meltham Road, internal road and associated hardstandings.

The proposed use for the site would again be for a sports and social facility as shown on the enclosed information for the Huddersfield Giants and the wider community.

3: Amount:

The proposal amounts the demolition of the existing sports pavilion which is currently in a state of disrepair and erection of the new building to accommodate the training facilities required for the Huddersfield Giants first team and Academy, along with social facilities for use by the club and the wider community.

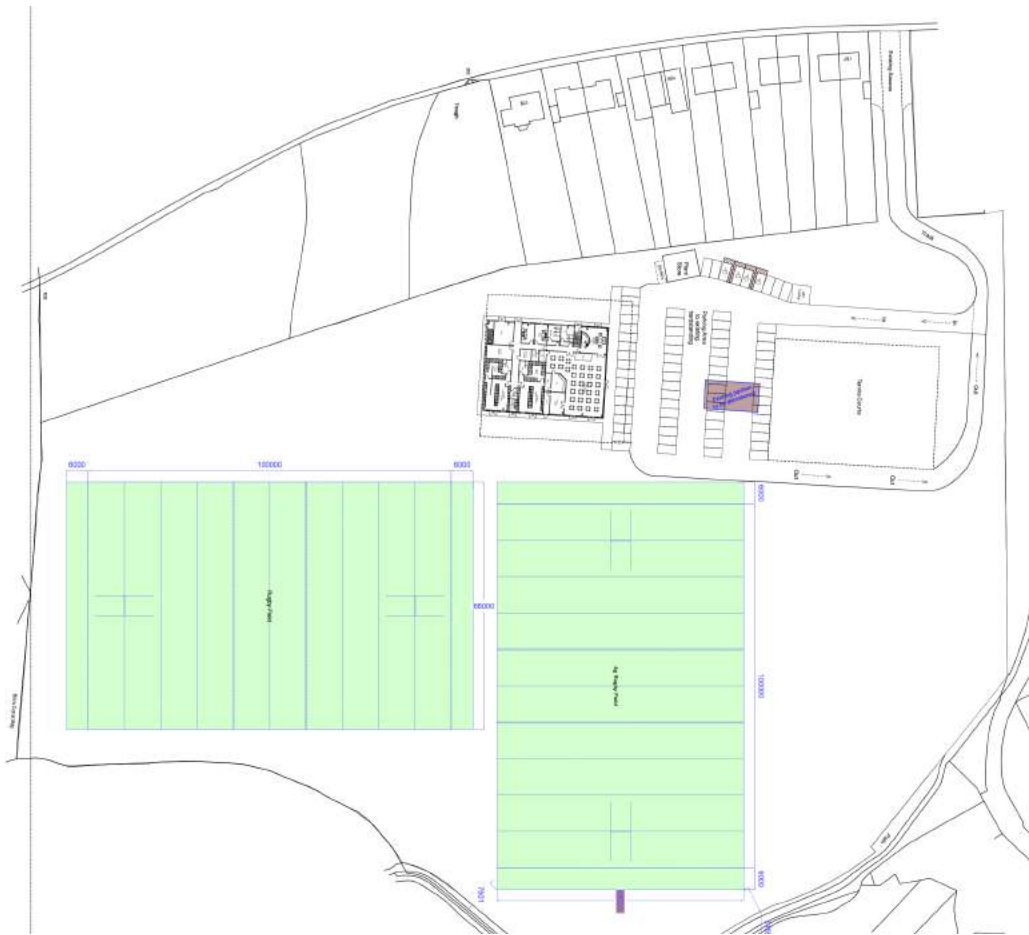
The existing sports fields will be utilised as a 4G rugby field and a grassed rugby field as per the enclosed plans showing the two fields and proposed new building. The existing garage building will be utilised for storage of maintenance equipment.

The existing hardstanding surrounding the court and pavilion will be utilised for parking provision.

4: Layout

The layout is shown on the attached proposed plans (as below). This utilises the current entrance and access road to the sports facility, however we have incorporated a one way system around the courts to allow ease for traffic movements within the site.

The new building is located adjacent to the rugby fields with associated car parking to two sides of the building.



5: Scale

The site is approximately 4.1 hectares in total which incorporates the fields, bowling green, courts and all associated elements.

The height, mass and scale of the proposed is in keeping with the Sporting/industrial/commercial nature of the building and its surrounding counterparts on the adjacent site which has recently been redeveloped with similar sized industrial/commercial units.

The scale and position of the building means that it will have no detrimental affect on the adjacent site or on the houses located at the fringes of the site along Meltham Road.

6: Landscaping

Landscaping will remain as existing and the proposed will have no adverse effects on the landscaping of the site and the proposed works will not have any affect on trees with TPO protection.

7: Appearance

The appearance of the proposed building is of a modern commercial building using a mix of modern and traditional materials that reflect to local area.

The proposed will have stonework to highlight the public areas, along with the colours of the club to the composite cladding and trims, with windows and doors all colour matched to either the club colours or a dark grey finish.

The sketch below gives an indication of the buildings aesthetic.



8: Access

The site is approximately two miles south of Huddersfield Town centre and is accessed via Meltham Road. This links the site to the town centre as well as other local roads leading to other towns and villages in the district. Public transport services run along this road meaning the site is within a sustainable location within terms of access for users.

Access to the site will be from Meltham Road via the existing access to the sports ground. This is of sufficient width to accommodate two way traffic to the entrance area, so that no traffic would build up onto Meltham Road.

Access to the building will be covered via building regulations with the provision of level thresholds, ramped access and disabled WC to the ground floor.

9: Flood Risk & Drainage

See enclosed flood risk assessment.

10: Conclusion

This proposal is for the demolition of an existing pavilion and formation of a training facility for The Huddersfield Giants at the site of the former police sports and a social club.

The proposed would utilise a site that is currently allocated as a sports ground and would have no detrimental affect on any surrounding properties or businesses, if anything it would benefit the local economy by way of employment and promotion of a local sports team utilising a facility within the community that follows their local team.

The design, scale, mass and location of the proposed works can be compared to other buildings of a similar nature within the locality and would therefore have a comparative aesthetic to tie the building to its locale.

The application of the club colours to the building would also highlight the club and distinguish the building for its purpose as a home and training facility of the Huddersfield Giants and the Academy.

11: Heritage Statement

1. Description

The proposed works look to improve and provide sports training facility to an existing sports and social club.

2. Historic Map (& Contamination)

In looking through historic maps of the site, it shows that the site can be traced back to 1848 and these show that the site has always been field and then later a sports fields (notably as cricket field from circa 1904). This would highlight that there should be no foreseeable contamination of the site as there have been no buildings or works on the site that would give way to any form of contamination, therefore a desk top contamination report has not been produced on that basis.

3. Significance of Heritage Asset

There are no archaeological, architectural, artistic or historic features to the site or its surroundings that could be considered a heritage asset.

4. Setting of the site as a Heritage Asset

The settings and surroundings of the site are that of a modern industrial and commercial nature with recent construction design and techniques being employed adjunct to the site and residential properties to the upper fringe of the site, therefore the proposed is not located within a Heritage Asset site.

4. Impact of the proposal

The nature of the building and its surrounding suggests that there will be no impact on the site or its surroundings and the proposed can only improve the impact of/on the site.

5. Assessment Considerations

As there are no archaeological, architectural, artistic or historic features to the site or its surroundings it is felt there is no need for any further detailed or expert reports.

6. **Justification for proposal**

At present the site is occupied by a disused sports and social club facility. The proposed works will allow an established local rugby club a training and social facility, providing employment and economic growth, whilst allowing for no effect on the current surrounding areas. The facility is required by the club to allow them to grow and further integrate into the local community, this can only benefit the area and would have no detrimental affect in terms of heritage assessments.