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DESIGN AND ACCESS STATEMENT

PROPOSED EXTENSION TO SPORT IN DESFORD FACILITY, PECKLETON LANE, DESFORD

The proposal is essentially an alternative to the new building on the frontage approved on 24th May 2006 under planning reference 06/00193/REM following previous Outline Planning Permission on 13th January 2004, reference 03/01289/OUT.

Due to the timescale of the Outline Permission having expired, this current proposal is to request Full Planning Permission to extend the existing Sports Centre and change the use of adjoining agricultural land.

The proposed extension is to the South-East front of the existing building within the forecourt area and will displace some parking spaces into an adjoining area where it is also proposed to provide a secure area for scouts activities together with a new Junior Pitch.

Additional facilities will be provided within a single storey structure projecting 12 metres in front of the building and 25 metres long overall, with flat roof at 4 metres high to include a lean-to store 7 x 4 metres, which was considered acceptable by Development Control in their letter dated 30th November 2007.

The adjoining land to the North-East is not currently owned by the applicant but was included in the Outline Permission and Change of Use is now sought for general recreational activities such as running tracks and field events not available within the existing development site, and this was considered to be supported by policy WE5 in Development Control's further letter dated 4th January 2008.

The means of access is generally as existing and disabled parking facilities will remain adjacent to the entrance of the building which will have improved Foyer and Reception areas.