

Sporting Markfield Football Club
Altar Stones Lane
Markfield
LE67 9PX

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Subject: Design and Access Statement for Planning Permission

We write to submit this Design and Access Statement in support of the planning application for the proposed replacement and extension of pitch perimeter fencing and the installation of a removable ball stop netting system at Jubilee Playing Fields, Altar Stones Lane, Markfield, LE67 9PX. The application seeks approval for the replacement and extension of the pitch perimeter fencing and the installation of a removable ball stop netting system, with associated alterations and site development.

1. Introduction:

The proposed replacement and extension of pitch perimeter fencing contributes positively to the local community by removing the current fencing which is in a deteriorated state and replacing with new, modern fencing of a similar height. This, along with the extension to fully enclose the pitch will improve the visual appearance, safety and security of the pitch area, as required by the FA for the club to progress. The ball stop netting will ensure that both footballs and cricket balls stay in the correct areas, further improving safety. The following sections outline the design rationale and access considerations for the proposed development.

2. Site Description:

The site is approximately 3.2 hectares and is currently used as sports pitches. There is a pavilion which also contains changing facilities as well as a grounds equipment storage garage. The site is mainly made up of grass and is surrounded by trees. The site's current use is that of a sports facility.

3. Installation of a perimeter fencing and ball stop fencing:

The proposed installation of the perimeter fencing is justified due to this being a replacement of the existing deteriorated fencing, which currently covers 3 sides of the pitch, and an extension onto the final side of the pitch. The ball stop systems enhance the safety of the site, especially when multiple activities are taking place. These installations will not result in any adverse impact on the character of the area or its amenities.

4. Landscaping

The site is currently mainly grass, with trees on the perimeter. These installations will have minimal effect on the landscaping, with majority of the perimeter fencing being replacement of existing. This will be in an area where there is some grass and some hardstanding for car parking. No other landscaping will be required or is affected.

5. Access and Transportation:

The site benefits from gated access to Altar Stones Lane, and 2 internal car parks. The proposed development will have no impact on traffic flow, and adequate parking provisions are already in place.

We appreciate your consideration of this application and are available to provide any additional information or clarification if required.

Yours sincerely,

Daniel Carr
Secretary
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