

Planning Statement

'Proposed Dance Studio at Barlestone St Giles Football Club'

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This Design and Access Statement provides an overview of the planning considerations for the proposed Spirit Academy of Dance, a new dance studio planned for construction adjacent to the Barlestone St. Giles Football Club in Barlestone, Leicestershire. The primary objective of this project is to create a high-quality, inclusive dance facility tailored to the needs of young children within the local community, offering a diverse range of dance classes.

The proposed site is situated beside the Barlestone St. Giles Football Club on Barton Road in Barlestone, Leicestershire.

The design philosophy of the Spirit Academy of Dance is rooted in child-centric principles. Priority is given to the safety and well-being of young children through features such as a secure, enclosed dance area, a bright and colourful interior to foster a stimulating and welcoming atmosphere, and age-appropriate facilities, including dedicated changing rooms and toilets.

Sustainability is also a key consideration, with the design incorporating high levels of insulation, energy-efficient glazing, the potential use of renewable energy sources like solar panels, water-efficient fixtures, and strategies to minimize environmental impact during construction. Furthermore, the studio will be designed to be fully accessible to all users, featuring level access, wide doorways and corridors, accessible toilets, designated parking for disabled users, and thoughtful considerations for children with sensory sensitivities.

Regarding specific design and access features, the proposed dance studio will be larger in scale than the existing building, while maintaining a similar height. The studio's appearance will adhere to the local vernacular, employing traditional materials like brick and tile to ensure compatibility with the surrounding area's character. The site is currently grassland, minimizing the impact on local biodiversity, and therefore requiring minimal additional landscaping.

In conclusion, the proposed Spirit Academy of Dance is designed as a sympathetic development that respects the scale and character of the surrounding area, providing a valuable community resource for young children.