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Design and Access Statement

Stoke Golding Sports Pavilion

Recreation Ground, Hall Drive, Stoke Golding, Leicestershire

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Site and proposal

This statement supports the planning application to Hinckley & Bosworth Borough Council for refurbishment of the existing single-storey sports pavilion. The pavilion will continue to serve the recreation ground and its users. The scheme retains the building's footprint, roof profile and covered front terrace.

Design and appearance

The existing rear door opening will be adapted to form a serving hatch for use on event days. Windows and doors will be replaced with white uPVC units, and the existing security surrounds will be refitted. White uPVC fascias, soffits and rainwater goods will replace the existing fittings, and the terrace columns will be repainted white. The works retain the pavilion's scale and overall appearance within the recreation ground.

Access and inclusive facilities

The existing perimeter footpath will continue to provide pedestrian access. A short approach with a maximum gradient of 1 in 20 will link the footpath to the covered front terrace and main entrance. Local raising of the ground to meet the terrace slab over approximately 3 metres will remove the existing trip edge. A separate short link from the footpath will serve the rear of the pavilion. The internal refurbishment provides a wheelchair-accessible unisex WC, two ambulant WCs and a renewed kitchen.

Archaeology

Item 8a of the Borough Council's validation list identifies new buildings or ground disturbance in areas of archaeological potential as triggers for assessment. The scheme involves refurbishment and localised raising of surface levels over the existing ground. The works as proposed require no excavation, ground stripping, new foundations or service trenches. On that basis, buried deposits would be left undisturbed, and we consider a separate archaeological desk-based assessment or field evaluation disproportionate to the scope of the works.

Trees and root protection

Item 8s of the validation list covers trees within or adjoining the application site. All existing trees are to be retained, with no pruning proposed. The access works will be confined to the immediate vicinity of the pavilion and will avoid root protection areas. Construction access, plant and material storage will also

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be kept clear of those areas to avoid compaction. Given the limited extent of the works and the proposed avoidance of tree and root impacts, we ask the Council to accept this statement in place of a separate tree survey and arboricultural assessment.

Accompanying drawings 2026-20/100 Existing plans and elevations, 110 Proposed plans and elevations, 115 Illustrative visuals and 120 Block and location plans.

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