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DESIGN AND ACCESS STATEMENT

Proposed extension to sports pitches & community facilities
at Land off Westhead Road
adjacent to Croston Sports Club

For

Croston Together on behalf of
Croston Sports Club and Croston Community Centre



BRAMLEY-PATE + PARTNERS

Chartered Architects

December 2020

1. Introduction

This Design and Access Statement has been prepared to support two outline planning applications (with some matters reserved) which have been submitted for proposed sports and community facilities on land off Westhead Road adjacent to the existing Croston Sports Club. Application [A], with a site area of 2.8Ha, is for sports pitches and associated car parking. Application [B], with a site area of 0.3Ha, is for the proposed buildings which supports the sports use - being the changing rooms and community building.

The application is made by Croston Together, Registered Charity No. 1166190 as an enabling charity on behalf of Croston Sports Club and Croston Community Centre.

Croston Together is a community organisation which aims to raise money for the purpose of supporting individuals, groups and organisations who are seeking to develop projects which will enhance life in the village.

The new sports and community facilities proposed in applications [A] and [B] will be further enhanced in with new and upgraded facilities at the existing Croston Sports Club site. These future proposed facilities (which would be subject to a separate planning application) are set out in the 'Statement of Need' in Section 5 to give a complete picture of the ambitions of project SPACE.

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2. Project SPACE Vision Statement



Project SPACE

...giving Croston SPACE to grow, develop, succeed, improve, flourish...

Our purpose is to establish accessible facilities for everyone in Croston and the surrounding community; providing opportunities for them to flourish and fulfil their individual potential

We will achieve this by providing:

- sporting and other facilities that will enhance physical and mental health and well-being
- physical activities that are suitable for the elderly, infirm and disabled
- an emphasis on children and adults with special needs
- opportunities for young people to engage in meaningful and enjoyable pastimes
- community facilities that will bring people together with access for all and enhance the village infrastructure with new landscaping and car-parking

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3. Introduction to Project SPACE

A joint initiative between supported by Croston Sports Club, Croston Together and Croston Community Centre

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Croston Sports Club is a well-respected and successful village organisation. Established in 1960, with 700 current members and a further 7,000 people using the club for sporting and social activities.

It is, and always has been a mainstay of Croston life. During the Boxing Day floods of 2015 the Sports Club became the hub for village support and provided temporary accommodation for those who found themselves without a home. Facilities were extended to the emergency services and over 5000 meals were provided for the community.

Croston Together is a successful village charity which began life as Croston Flood Relief and now prides itself on the way in which it enhances community engagement. It has raised over £250,000 and has co-funded numerous projects.

Croston Community Centre is a long standing and well-used hub in the village which was established 100 years ago in 1921. It caters for all age groups in the village providing a wide range of social activities as well as a venue for one-off celebrations and events. In recent months the hall served to provide accommodation for the children of key-workers during the COVID 19 pandemic.

These three village organisations have joined forces to deliver Project SPACE - an ambitious, creative and inclusive project which has the potential to touch the lives of every person within the village and the wider community.

The purpose of Project SPACE is to provide accessible facilities to everyone in Croston and the surrounding community, giving everyone opportunities to flourish and to fulfil their individual potential.

Enhancing the physical and mental health of Croston's residents and the wider community has been a key motivation for this project, and it is our intent to make a difference to people's lives regardless of their age, ability, ethnicity or gender. Having secured a substantial level of funding and support for the project the applicant is now seeking to obtain outline planning consent in order to secure the site for which it is designated in the Chorley Local Plan.

4. History, ownership and current provision of Croston Sports Club and Croston Community Centre

Croston Sports Club

Sport has been played at the Sports Club site since about 1860 and the Sports Club itself was formed in 1960. The club currently has 575 adult members and 160 junior members. A further 1,680 people use the club facilities for sporting activity on an annual basis. Over 5,200 people used the facilities for social activities including the licensed bar and function suite in 2019.

Croston is in a rural area where there is a significant demographic divide. While some members of the community are affluent, the majority are from low income families.

Croston Sports Club is particularly inclusive in terms of support for girls and women - many of whom play in mixed teams at junior and adult levels - notably one member plays cricket for both our teams and Lancashire Ladies. The club has many female cyclists and tennis players and its netball section has grown to 72 members since it was founded just two years ago.

Chorley Women's Football Team uses the pitch for their competitive matches.

Croston Sports Club works in partnership with local schools and disability charities to provide a range of activities and projects benefiting people of all abilities and including several health-related groups.

37% of Sports Club members are female and 33% of members are over the age of 50

Croston Sports Club is made up of the following sections:

- Football – two senior teams, under 18's, under 16's, 10 junior teams and over 40's
- Tennis – four senior teams, three junior teams
- Cricket – three senior teams, two junior teams
- Netball – three teams
- Boules – one team
- Table Tennis – one team
- Snooker – one team
- Indoor bowling – one team
- Cycling Club
- Golf Society
- Clay Pigeon Shooting Club

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Croston Community Centre

Croston Community Centre is located on Castle Walks in the Conservation Area of the village. Since 1921, when it was established as the 'Comrades Hall' it has provided an important and vital facility for the residents of Croston and the surrounding area.

Over ten groups regularly use the Community Centre catering for baby and toddlers through to the over 60's club. In 2019 with the support of Croston Together, the Committee of the Community Centre obtained planning permission to upgrade the storage facilities and provide new accessible toilet and baby changing facilities (19/01202/FUL). At this time an appraisal of the fabric of existing building was also carried out which identified a 'priority' list of work and repairs the budget for which was in the region of £100,000. The Trustees currently do not have sufficient funds to address the work needed. Whilst the timber-framed and clad building has served the community well, its location and the works required are a significant issue to be addressed. The building has no car parking and inadequate access for less able people since it has a raised floor with only steep ramped or stepped access. Internally, the lack of an accessible toilet means that some members of the community cannot participate in all activities.

As an important facility at the heart of the village the Trustees of the Community Centre were invited to join with project SPACE in order that they might relocate to the new community building (Application [B]). The groups which use the Community Centre would benefit from improved accessibility - with parking and drop off provision as well as safe direct access to open space. The new building will also provide dedicated storage for each of the regular groups along with fully accessible toilets, baby changing and catering facilities.

The ambition in bringing together the functions of the Community Centre and Sports Club is to make sport and social activities more accessible and 'joined up' to support each other.

Croston Community Centre Regular Groups:

- Over 60's Lunch Club
- Beavers, Cubs, Scouts, Explorers and Network sections
- Table Tennis
- Dance
- Toddler Groups (two groups)
- Family Bingo (monthly)
- Pop-Up Café (twice monthly)

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5. 'Statement of Need' for Sports and Community facilities

Sporting Needs

- Croston Sports Club has ten junior football teams, all of which play their matches outside the village because there are no facilities within the village. There is one additional pitch at Twin Lakes, on the edge of the village. However, as identified on the Lancashire Local Plan Playing Pitch Strategy (September 2018), this is deemed as unsuitable due to the poor ground conditions. It has not been in use for some years.
- The Local Plan Playing Pitch Strategy also identified a current shortfall of four 3G pitches across Chorley Borough. Whilst this application [A] is for grass pitches, the project SPACE plan is to upgrade the existing Sports Club site with a full size 4G pitch. This 4G pitch would be available for both football and hockey since there is demand for a women's hockey team at the club.
- Currently there is a 3G pitch at Bishop Rawstone C E Academy in the village, However, this along with its other sporting facilities are managed on a commercial basis by a third party and local groups have difficulty in accessing them. As a result local groups have to seek training and match facilities outside the village.
- Croston has three women's netball teams but there are no netball courts in the village so all matches have to be played in Leyland. Other villages also have teams who would welcome the opportunity to play their matches in Croston. Application [A] includes four full size MUGA courts to meet this demand.
- There is a very successful Tennis Club in the village which has three courts. This provision is not sufficient to enable the club to complete their matches during the early and late summer periods. Whilst not in the application [A] project SPACE also plans to provide a fourth court on the existing Sports Club site in order to meet this need.

Sport for the less able

- There is currently very limited sports provision for those who are less able. The four MUGA courts together with new indoor facilities within the community building will enable the introduction of wheelchair sports and other activities including indoor bowls suitable for older residents.

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Community Needs

- The existing Community Centre building requires significant repairs and alterations. New purpose-built accommodation, parking and safe outdoor access and facilities for all will provide a sustainable future for all the regular groups and a new venue at the centre of the villages for annual events and celebrations.
- As part of the proposal and strategy to improve the village infrastructure project SPACE has also included six dedicated parking spaces for the residents of St Michael's Terrace. This will alleviate traffic and parking close to the junction of Westhead Road with Town Road and provide safe access for visitors, carers and the residents of the four 'almshouses'.

Health Needs

- The working group of Project SPACE are in conversation with the Village Surgery in order to identify ways in which the new facilities can help to meet medical needs within the village. This will include addressing issues around obesity, diabetes, loneliness and mental health. The integration of community and sports facilities is central to the project in providing accessible facilities for all and opportunities for more people to engage with sport and activities to support their health and well-being.

6. Project SPACE funding

Croston Sports Club has sought to expand its facilities over the past ten years but has not, until now, been able to fund the project. Croston Together, having worked together with the Sports Club and Community Centre, is confident that it is able to bring together sufficient funding to progress the project and enable the purchase of the land.

Croston Sports Club has a turnover of over £200,000 a year and from this has a surplus which is invested in the facilities and activities. Croston Community Centre is a registered charity and has four Trustees.

The Trustees and Committee will be drawn from the Sports Club and Community Centre Trustees and Committee Members, bringing together long standing experience of successful management of sports and community facilities. Bringing the sports and community use

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together on one site, with new purpose-built facilities will ensure the success and sustainability of the project.

7. Project SPACE - Proposed Facilities

Sports Facilities & Associated Parking - Application [A]

- 1 x Junior 11 v 11 (90yd x 55yd) grass pitch
- 1 x Junior 9 v 9 (80yd x 50yd) grass pitch
- 2 x Junior 7 v 7 (40yd x 30yd) grass pitches
- 4 x Multi-Use Games Area (37x 18m courts) for basketball, tennis, and netball
(Each court fenced and Floodlit)
- 1 x (30m x 30m) Crown Bowling Green
- Two person width running trail (800m circuit)
- 43 Parking spaces plus 2 dedicated minibus parking spaces to serve the sports facilities
- 6 Parking spaces for the use of residents and visitors to the 4 dwellings at St Michael's Terrace with a separate access off Westhead Road

Community Building & Associated Parking - Application [B]

- New community building to include;
- 4 changing rooms (male / female) with separate showers and toilets,
- 2 officials / manager changing rooms,
- Community Hall
- Fitness Suite
- Physiotherapy Room
- Management Office
- Kitchen,
- Café,
- 2 x Meeting Rooms
- Storage for individual user groups

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Changing Rooms – Application [B]

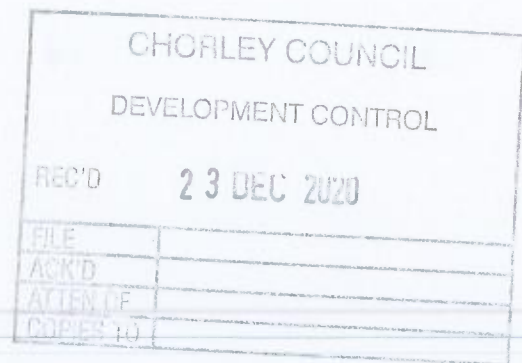
- 6 x Changing rooms (male / female) with separate showers and toilets including
- 4 officials / manager changing rooms to serve the MUGA courts and grass pitches

**Future proposed sports facilities at Croston Sports Club
(Included here to provide a complete picture of project SPACE)**

- 1 x Full size (110 x 70yd) weather astro-turf pitch (Floodlit)
- 1 x New tennis court to provide a four court facility (Floodlit)
- 2 x Cricket nets with astro-turf wicket
- 1 x Cricket Team and Umpire Changing Room
- 4 x New changing rooms to serve the proposed 4G pitch and tennis courts
- Additional car parking

8. Evidence of Support

Letter of support are included in Appendix I



9. Site, Constraints and Design

Site Description

The proposed development is on land which is designated in the Local Plan for playing pitches and would increase the adjacent Sports Club site by 3.1 hectares. The proposed site is currently owned by the Church of England and is let for agricultural use. It is within a zone which is provisionally designated by Natural England as Grade 3 agricultural land, however, being located in the centre of the village, and a single field with no buildings it is considered of lower agricultural value in practical use.

The site overall is fairly flat, rising gradually from the North towards Westhead Road at its Southern boundary. In the formation of the new pitches, facilities and landscaping there is scope for any excavated material to be re-graded to avoid the need for off-site disposal.

The site is bounded to the West by a hedgerow - some of which is proposed to be retained and supplemented with new planting. Beyond this hedge, the existing access road within the Sports Club site is also proposed runs the along the length of the boundary.

To the boundary to the East and North East, the rear gardens to properties on Coniston Way and Station Road back onto the site with a mix of fencing, hedges and shrubs. To the Southern

end of the site the boundary comprises a hedgerow against the pavement, an attractive stone wall to St Michael's Terrace gardens and a mix of timber fences to the gardens of No 16 and 18 Westhead Road.

The Northern boundary the site falls to a watercourse which is designated as a 'Main River' and which runs into the River Lostock just North of the confluence of the River Douglas and Lostock. The watercourse is controlled and maintained the Environment Agency and secured from the site with a post and wire fence and gate. This boundary would be maintained with access as required by the Environment Agency for future maintenance of the watercourse.

To the West of the site lies Croston Sports Club which is designated in the Local Plan as HW2(P) 'Existing Sport and Recreational Facilities'. The existing Sports Club site, accessed off Westhead Road, has an area of 3.9 hectares. It has one full size grass football pitch which is floodlit, three, fenced (unlit) tennis courts and a cricket ground which has been established on the site since the 1870s. There are also small ancillary buildings including the scoreboard, changing rooms and storage for machinery and individual sports.

The existing Sports Club building, which contains a licensed bar lounge, function room and changing facilities was established in 1976 through the conversion, and later extension, of the former Stirling Knitting Company factory. It is a single storey building with a small car park to Westhead Road and an open terrace to the rear which overlooks the Cricket Ground. It is proposed that the Sports Club building will continue in its present use alongside the new facilities.

Heritage and Conservation Value

The South-East corner of the site lies within the Croston Conservation Area. A separate Conservation Area Statement has been submitted with this application.

Ecological Assessment

An Ecological Assessment, report reference: BE-1411-01A has been carried out by David Watts Associates and has been submitted with this application.

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Flood Risk

A separate Flood Risk Assessment report has been prepared and has been submitted with this application.

The site is located substantially in Flood Zone 2 with its Northern edge in Flood Zone 3 - though benefiting from flood defences. At the Southern end of the site there is an area of land which is in Flood Zone 1 – the Community Building is proposed to be located on this part of the site. Its floor level will be set at approximately 8.5m AOD (subject to topographic survey and detailed flood risk assessment). Further flood mitigation would be incorporated in the design of the building – such as a suspended floor and resilient finishes. Externally, in addition to the pitches, landscaping would be in the form of hard permeable surfaces and new planting to further slow run-off and soak up rainwater.

Access

The Sports Club currently has a single, two-way access from Westhead Road for both vehicles and pedestrians. The proposed plan (Application [B]) includes a new vehicular entrance in order that there can be a safe one way route for cars and mini-buses in the site. Furthermore, within the site traffic calming 'rumble' surfacing would be included in the hard surfacing. The new entrance from Westhead Road would have new 6m radius kerbs and a 2.4m x 43m clear vision splay in either direction. A pavement would extend into the site to provide a safe pedestrian route to the community building and sports facilities.

The provision of car parking to support the new sports facilities (Application [A] and community facilities (Application [B]) is planned to alleviate congestion and on street parking in the village.

Car parking on the site is distributed to minimise the visual impact of cars on the site and to provide accessible parking within 50m of each pitch / court for players and spectators. Within the site there will be traffic calming surfaces on approach to the community building and flexible use of some spaces for cars / mini buses.

Locally, to alleviate on street parking on Westhead Road the proposal includes six new off road parking spaces for the sole use of the residents of St Michaels Terrace. These are proposed to be separately accessed off Westhead Road.

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Sustainability

The development of sports pitches is a sustainable use of this site since it extends the existing, established use of the adjacent Sports Club site. The additional pitches and new facilities would add to the value of the existing provision and broaden opportunities for everyone in the community to take part in sport and fulfil their potential. The proposal is environmentally sustainable in retaining the land as largely green space in the centre of the village. The proposed use as pitches would have only minimal impact on increasing flood risk elsewhere through run-off.

Noise

The sensitive receptors for noise generated by the proposed use, are the existing residential properties which border the site. The proposed full size astro-turf (4G) pitch will be located on the site of the existing full size grass pitch in order to mitigate noise impact since there is already a significant offset of this pitch from the boundary of the site. The grass pitches will not generate significant spectator noise since they are proposed to be used mainly for training and for junior team matches. To the sensitive North and East boundaries, new landscaping is proposed as a noise and visual buffer zone. Fencing to provide security for residential properties from the site will form part of the landscaping scheme and will also provide further acoustic benefit.

The MUGA (multi-use games area) will be floodlit in order that it can be used all year round in the evenings. The noise of ball games and from players and spectators is mitigated by it being located at the widest point on the site – giving the broadest offset from the boundaries of properties on Station Road. The MUGA court is particularly located adjacent to the rear of The Crown Hotel public house car park as this is a less sensitive receptor than small residential gardens.

The Community Building is also set away from the boundary with residential properties and separated by a broad landscape buffer. It is particularly is separated from St Michaels Terrace by both the proposed (St Michaels Terrace) car park and the Bowling Green – both of which have low noise impact. (See also the Conservation Area Statement)

A significant landscaped area is proposed adjacent to the boundaries of No 16 and 18 Westhead Road to provide both a visual and noise buffer from the car parking and proposed access.

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Lighting

To provide 'best-value' year round use of the new facilities and to upgrade the existing provision, floodlighting is required to the multi-use games courts. As with noise, the facilities which require floodlighting are located where they will have least impact on residential neighbours.

Amenity lighting will be required around the new community building and car park to provide a safe environment for vehicles and pedestrians. Lights will be concentrated where required and there will be minimal use of up-lighting to minimise impact on neighbouring properties.

Current Planning Status

The proposed site is designated in Chorley Local Plan 2012 - 2026 as HW1.1 - New Open Space, Sport and Recreational Facilities. The criteria for development of this proposed site as an extension to the existing sports facilities of Croston Sports Club are:

- a) The development will not have an adverse impact on the local environment or visual character of the landscape;
- b) The development will not result in the loss of the best and most versatile agricultural land (Grades 1, 2 and 3)
- c) The development will not cause harm to a site of conservation value;
- d) The development will not harm the amenities of local residents
- e) The site is accessible by a choice of means of transport other than the private car and the traffic generated would not have a severe impact on the highway network.

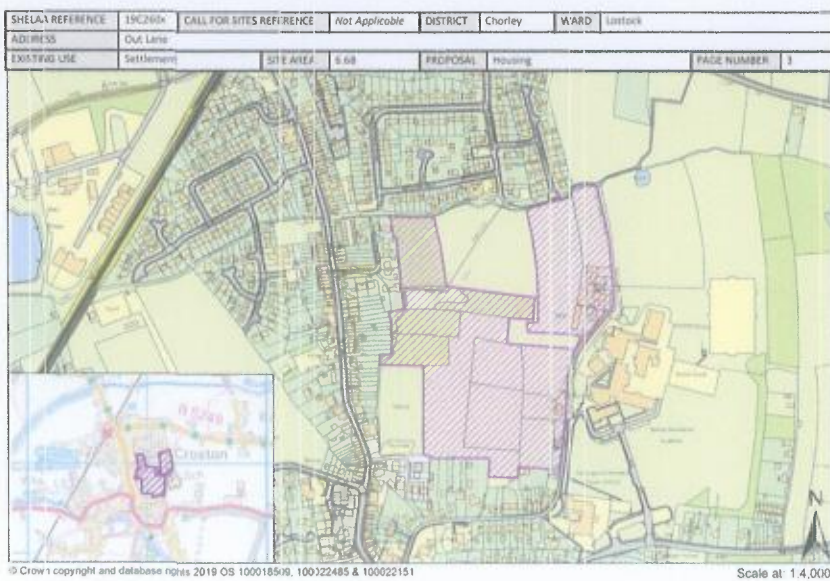
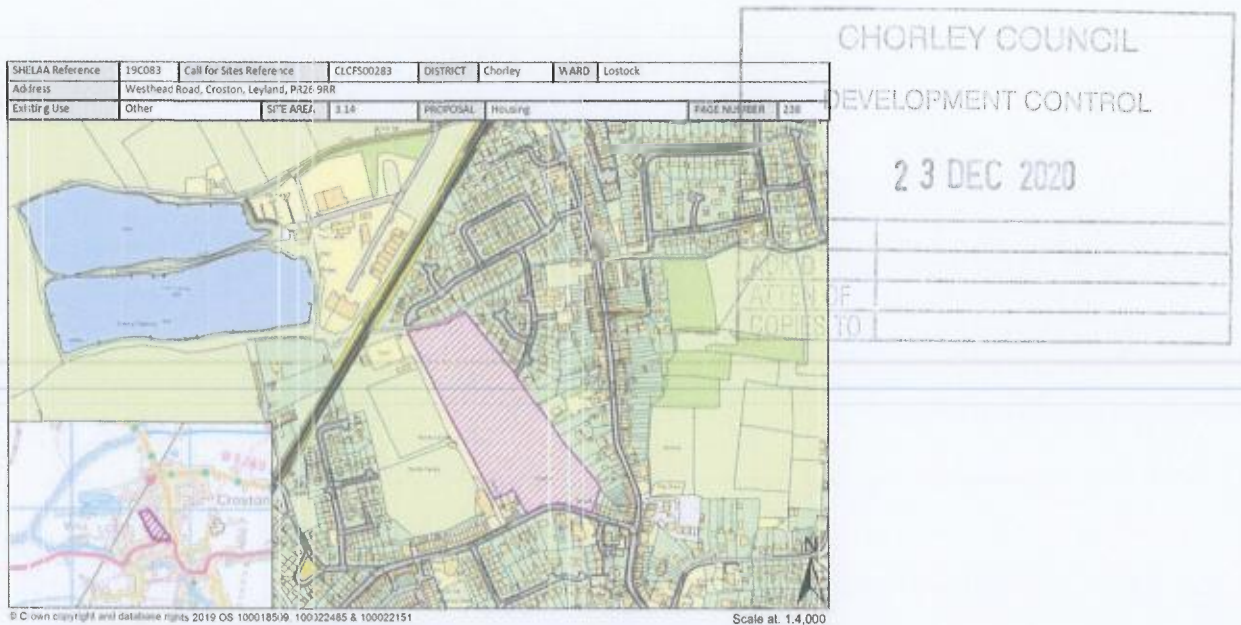
Ancillary development for existing open space, sport or recreational facility will be permitted if all of the following criteria are met:

- i. It is in connection with and will enhance the recreational and / amenity value of the open space
- ii. It is of a size and scale which does not detract from the character of the open space.
- iii. It will not have a detrimental effect on any site of nature conservation value.
- iv. It does not result in the loss of any other sporting facility on the site.

Policy HW1.1 states that playing pitches are proposed at the Land of Westhead Road, Croston.

Central Lancashire Local Plan - Issues and Options Consultation (ongoing)

The site was presented for consideration for future development (to meet housing need to 2036) under rounds one and two of the 'Call for Sites'. Annex 1, (Addendum) of the Central Lancashire Local Plan Issues and Options Consultation Report for the ward of Lostock (February 2020) sets out that the site at Westhead Road is being taken forward for further consideration along with three other sites in the ward of Lostock. (Two sites are located in Bretherton, two sites are located in Croston – See images below extracted from the Annex 1- Addendum showing the sites located in Croston).



A public consultation exercise was carried out on the proposed sites up to 14th February 2020. The feedback generated by the consultation is now timetabled to be reviewed with preferred options to be published by the Central Lancashire Team in spring / summer 2021. Whilst the site remains under consideration in the Issues and Options Consultation, Croston Together, on behalf of Croston Sports Club are actively seeking to purchase the land from the Church of England and wish to obtain planning consent for new sports pitches and community facilities which would align with the current Local Plan designation.

Planning History

There have been no planning applications submitted for development on this site in the last 30 years.

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10. Conclusion

The applications (A and B) provide much needed sports facilities for Croston and the surrounding villages and add value to the existing provision with new community facilities to create a sports and community 'hub'. The project is well supported by the community and will benefit from the joint experience of both Croston Sports Club and Croston Community Centre. The proposal accords with all the criteria of Chorley Local Plan Policy HW1 with further benefits in alleviating traffic and parking on Westhead Road. The proposal would have minimal impact on flooding, both on the site and elsewhere and new planting, an attenuation basin and choice of permeable surfacing will further reduce flooding locally. The existing hedgerows identified in the Ecological Assessment Report which offer potential bird nesting are proposed to be substantially retained and supplemented with further planting. The site layout sets out the new facilities and pitches so as to minimise impact to neighbouring housing and provide a significant open buffer to the Conservation Area in the South East. Safe access has been proposed to the site with 2.4m x 43m visibility splays to the new vehicular and pedestrian accesses. The proposal would retain the site as a green space in the walkable centre of Croston and makes a safe and attractive community facility which also enhances the existing Sports Club site. The new facilities will make sport and community facilities accessible for all and enable groups and individuals to flourish and fulfil their potential.

Appendix I – Letters of Support

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To whom it may concern,

Lancashire Cricket Foundation has been approached by Croston Sports Club regarding the potential future of the land on the Church's site. As the local cricket governing body, Lancashire Cricket Foundation would like to see this land utilised as a potential facility for recreation and leisure use as this would support a growing cricket community in Chorley.

The Club has an excellent infrastructure with fantastic volunteers who take great care and pride in the activities which they provide for the community and members. The club is well- established with a positive reputation within the community and cricket in Lancashire.

If there is any such potentials around future use of this land, we, as a governing body ask that you consider these requests of the club and open dialogue with other governing bodies in sport. The land will help the club to retain and increase participation across all its age groups, attracting many new participants across the local community. As well as having a positive effect on the local community, this will also ensure the club is sustainable and can generate its own income and manage its own site.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require any further information,

Yours sincerely

John Murphy
General Manager Lancashire Cricket Foundation



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To whom it may concern

Lancashire Football Association (LFA) has been approached by Croston Sports Club regarding the potential future of the land on the Church's site. As the local football governing body, Lancashire FA would like to see this land utilised as a potential facility for recreation and leisure use as this would support a growing football community in Chorley.

The Club has an excellent infrastructure with fantastic volunteers who take great care and pride in the activities which they provide for the community and members. The club is well-established with a positive reputation within the community and football in Lancashire.

If there is any such potentials around future use of this land, we, as a governing body ask that you consider these requests of the club and open dialogue with other governing bodies in sport. The land will help the club to retain and increase participation across all its age groups, attracting many new participants across the local community. As well as having a positive effect on the local community, this will also ensure the club is sustainable and can generate its own income and manage its own site.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you require any further information,

Yours sincerely

Rachel Owen
Lancashire FA Facilities & Investment Officer

DECLARATION OF INTEREST

For the sake of transparency please be aware that the secretary of Croston Sports Club, Craig Howard is a director of Lancashire Football Association



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3rd August 2020

Dear Neville,

I was absolutely delighted to hear of Project SPACE. I believe that the proposed facilities would have a hugely positive impact on the physical and emotional wellbeing of our children, families and broader community.

Our skilled staff provide a very broad range of opportunities at school in order to ensure that all children's talents are discovered and nurtured so that self-esteem and wellbeing are maximised. We believe that access to these additional facilities would further enhance these outcomes for all.

We already place a high focus on physical activity, but our small school hall and lack of all-weather space prevents us from maintaining a full range of activities all year round. The availability of additional all-weather facilities so close to school would enable us to expand our provision and achieve greater consistency in opportunities and outcomes. We have explored the possibility of using the facilities of the adjacent academy, but unfortunately these are understandably always prioritised to meet the needs of their own students and are very rarely available to us.

Our programme of enrichment also includes many non-sporting activities- for example, school choir, performing arts, sewing club, art club, chess club, song writing and movie making. We feel that the additional accommodation and facilities would allow us to expand on the frequency and range of enrichment we are able to provide. There is very clear evidence that these early experiences have a very strong influence in encouraging pupils to engage in meaningful pastimes for life.

Our experience has also demonstrated the huge difference that a creative curriculum and quality enrichment brings to young people with special educational needs and disabilities. We have the staffing capacity to provide quality specialist support and opportunities but can be frustratingly thwarted by the lack of space and facilities in which to deliver and therefore maximise outcomes for these pupils. The SPACE project would be of particular benefit to these children.

The proposed facilities would not only significantly increase the potential outcomes of our current school priority of 'maximising the health and wellbeing of pupils and staff' but also our other priority of 'increasing engagement with the wider community'.

One of our specific goals is to establish and action intergenerational projects; one of which is aimed at expanding our links with the local senior citizens and the other is aimed at increasing pupil involvement with local parents, toddlers and pre-schoolers. The establishment of the SPACE facility would allow us to become much more ambitious in our plans and anticipated impact of both these goals.

I am therefore delighted to support the proposed Project SPACE. The school would be keen to work with you to ensure that the best possible use is made of the potential within this site in order to benefit all within the community.

Yours sincerely

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Dear Sir/Madam

LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR PROJECT SPACE

We are the local practice whom supports the health and wellbeing of this community.

We support the project as this will enhance physical and mental health wellbeing to all ages, especially for the elderly and disabled.

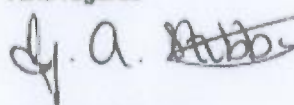
We do have a high rate of children and adults with special needs who would greatly benefit to develop confidence and achieve as we have nothing in the community at the moment to support this.

We also have an increase in diabetes and obesity and providing accessible facilities for the community would be of great importance to reduce diabetes and enable a better quality of health and life.

Obviously because of COVID we have seen an increase of mental health problems and feel that facilities within our community would also be beneficial especially for people who do not have transport.

We fully support this application for Project SPACE and look forward to the future of our community.

Kind regards



**GILLIAN STUBBS
SENIOR PRACTICE MANAGER**

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