

# Design and Access Statement

Crciket Net Refurbishment & Extension

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# Introduction

## Background

After 20 years of use, the current state of the cricket nets is of a poor standard. There were originally 7 bays, but this has had to be reduced to 3 due to health and safety concerns. Interest in the game is increasing across the school, for both boys and girls and with the expanding lower school, the school now needs to vastly improve this area. There were 7 teams in 2015 which has expanded significantly to 20 teams in 2021, a rise of 66%. This improves the health and well-being of the students.

This proposed facility will enable pupils of all abilities the chance to access safe and usable training facilities, including for the 37 county players who will significantly benefit from a higher quality surface.

The school is proposed to become a Marylebone Cricket Club (MCC) Hub foundation providing state sector pupils with cricket. There is increased usage by the local community and clubs including: In touch academy, Epsom, Sutton, Ashted, Tadworth.

This facility is also intended to be a new revenue stream allowing the school's bursary process to continue to those pupils in need of support.

## Summary of Need

- Increased numbers of players participating – (Up 66% in 5 years)
- Increased teams at all levels and particularly in the girls' cricket programme.
- The need to provide more lanes to improve safety.
- Raised standard of players necessitating higher quality surfaces
- Increased usage by the local community
- To become an MCC Hub foundation providing state sector pupils with cricket.
- Increased revenue stream to support the school's bursary process for pupils in need of support.

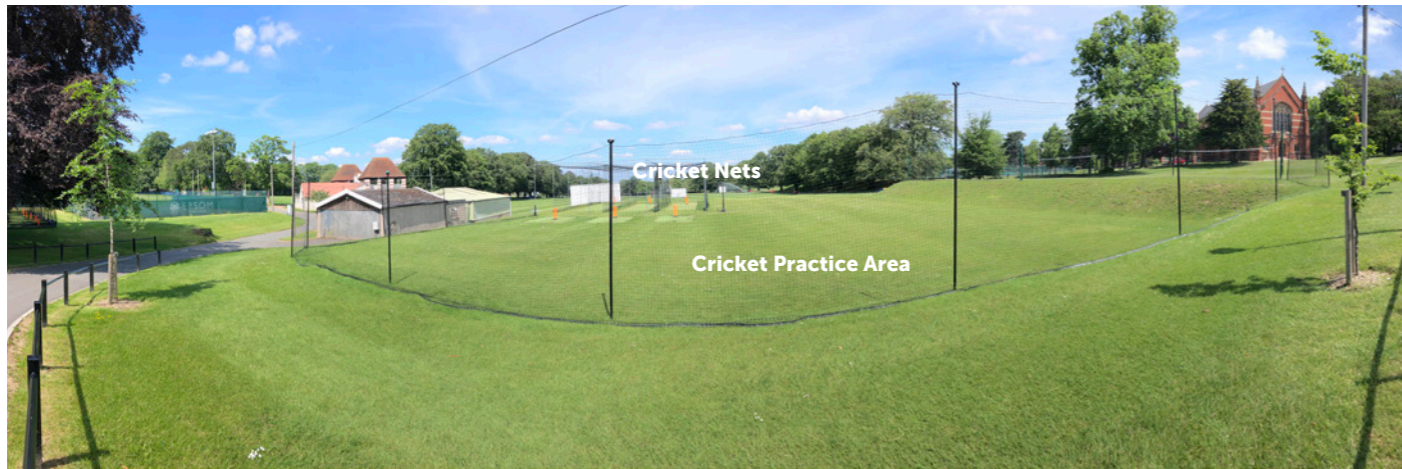
## Use

The use is proposed to remain the same, which is cricket practice nets.

# Site Photos

The following are photos of the site taken in June 2021.

**PHOTO 01 :** Driveway towards existing cricket practice area.



**PHOTO 02 :** View from the corner of cricket practice area.



**PHOTO 03 :** Driveway towards existing cricket practice area.



**PHOTO 04 :** Closer view to existing cricket nets.



**PHOTO 05 :** Existing cricket nets system



**PHOTO 06 :** Surface Details



# Proposal

## Amount

The number of lanes is proposed to increase to 8 from the current 3 and previous 7.

## Layout & Scale

The layout of the practice nets is to remain the same as the existing nets and are shown on the drawings listed below. The scale of the nets are illustrated in the elevations and perspective views.

- 2125-2001-A-Loction plan
- 2125-2041-A-Existing Site Plan
- 2125-2100-A-Proposed Site Plan
- 2125-2702-A-Existing and Proposed Sections
- EN-01 - Eight Lane Plan
- EN-03 - Eight Lane Elevations and Details
- EN-04 - Eight Lane Front Perspective
- EN-05 - Eight Lane Rear Perspective

## Appearance

The appearance of the nets is similar to the existing nets, expect that it is proposed to cover the entire practice area and not just the wicket. The perspective views indicate the scale and massing of the nets, however the photos of example projects demonstrate the appearance more accurately and are intended to be viewed in conjunction with the computer generated views.

The frame is proposed to be galvanised steel, the netting black and the carpet green with blue stripes to delineate the wicket and highlight the dividing nets.

**PHOTO 01 & 02** : Leatherhead County Cricke Club



**PHOTO 03,04 & 05** : Haberdashers' Aske' Boy's School



## Landscape

The proposals do not currently include additional landscape design measures as it is a refurbishment project. The cricket nets are located within the mature and historic landscape of Epsom College which largely comprises close-mown grass and trees. Trees were recently planted alongside the application site as part of the car park project to reinforce the avenues of trees along paths and driveways and integrate the car park into the landscape.

Drainage is proposed to be dealt with as a Sustainable Drainage System (SuDS). The proposed surface is permeable, comprising an aggregate base under the carpet, allowing water to pass freely through to the chalky sub-grades.

**PHOTO 01** : View from driveway

Left to right: Pedestrian, driveway, grass bank, cricket nets



**PHOTO 02** : View from carpark looking at the cricket nets



## Access

The access is proposed from existing surrounding paths and driveways. It would include a sloping path up from the driveway to the transition area.

