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Clanfield Cricket Club
South Lane Meadow
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DESIGN STATEMENT

This Statement accompanies a Full planning application for a new cricket pavilion for Clanfield Cricket Club in South Lane Meadow, Clanfield.

The scheme consists of a new timber pavilion building to the north side of the meadow and a new artificial cricket wicket adjacent the main cricket ground.

Supporting Statement

Pavilion Building

There has been an upsurge in interest in local cricket in Clanfield with the village's rapid expansion. For over 20 years the cricket club has been limited to playing Sunday friendly cricket but has now been inundated with new adult male members and there has also been an interest from the local community for junior and ladies cricket. As a result, their membership has increased from 17 in 2018 to over 100 in 2021 and is still growing.

In 2021 the club expanded the number of teams to include evening cricket, Saturday league cricket, Sunday friendly cricket and will be adding another Saturday league team and a Women's softball team in 2022.

2021 saw the club take on two junior cricket directives from cricket's governing body (ECB) that saw the club hosting nearly 50 junior cricketers between the ages of 5 and 11 on a weekly basis. They also introduced Women's soft ball cricket during 2021 which attracted over 20 ladies to play in our festival day in September. Both junior and Women's cricket proved so popular that they have introduced indoor training sessions throughout the winter at the Clanfield Centre on Tuesday evenings.

Up to this point the club have been operating from a metal barn that they share with a number of other community organisations. The barn is used solely for storage and has no room for changing facilities. There are no mains services connected to the barn and this means that the club share chemical toilets with the other organisations that use the meadow. Whilst this arrangement has been far from satisfactory over the last 20 years, it is totally unacceptable now for a rapidly expanding club with a junior and ladies section.

Artificial Wicket

The present playing facilities of eight grass pitches is inadequate to cope with the additional cricket now being played at the club. Grass wickets are required as they are an ECB stipulation for adult cricket in the higher leagues. To install additional grass wickets would be expensive, and would be a relatively high impact project. The ECB have recommended that the club install a non-turf artificial pitch in addition to the existing grass pitches to satisfy the demands of Women's, junior and adult cricket in the lower leagues.

Ownership and Consultation

Mackarness & Lunt Solicitors are in the process of drawing up an agreement for lease between Clanfield Parish Council and Clanfield Cricket Club for the land that the Club's facilities will occupy. The club are also engaging with the local community through various social media sites and a local leaflet drop to inform them of how the project is progressing.

The club have been working closely with the South Lane Meadow Trustees, Clanfield Parish Council, The ECB and EHDC to ensure that they have facilities that are fit for purpose, and are in keeping with the local area. During a site meeting with all of the stakeholders, it was agreed that a timber built pavilion that met the prescribed ECB specification would be the most appropriate solution.

Design Intent

The proposal is to create a pavilion building that provides much needed facilities to an expanding club whilst ensuring that the building is appropriate for its setting. The pavilion is modest in size and remote from the surrounding residential properties thus it will have no significant determinantal impact on its surroundings. The building will be of a style and character in keeping with traditional village sports pavilions up and down the country and will bring interest and a charm to the meadow.

Access

The building will have ramp access to the three entry points, there are no internal changes in level and there will be a disabled toilet within the reception area.

Waste Removal

At present the club operate a rota system to remove waste from the site. A club member is tasked with booking a slot at the local amenity site and taking the waste away with them after events. The club intend to carry on with this arrangement when the pavilion is built.