

## **DESIGN AND ACCESS STATEMENT**

**Project:**  
**Longhoughton Community and Sports Centre**

**Client:**  
**Longhoughton Community and Sports Centre Trust**

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1. This planning statement has been prepared to accompany the application for planning permission for the proposed works at Longhoughton Sports and Community Centre
- 1.2. The purpose of the statement is to provide a brief description of the site, its context, and the physical characteristics of the scheme. It should be read in conjunction with the planning drawings.

## 2. SITE

### 2.1. Area and Site Description

- 2.1.1. The Longhoughton Sports and Community Centre is located at Westfield Park off Park Road to the west of Longhoughton. The centre consists of a community centre with sports changing facilities, external sports pitches including an all-weather floodlit surface, external play area and carparking.
- 2.1.2. The surrounding area is mainly residential with housing to the north, east and south and agricultural land to the west. A mainline rail line separates Westfield Park from this land.

## 3. DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSALS

### 3.1. Design Proposal

- 3.1.1 The application is for the minor modification of the centre to better serve the local community and involves internal and external alterations. The modifications involve the conversion of two changing rooms to form a multi-purpose room for meetings and activities.

### 3.2. Design Principles and Concepts

#### 3.2.1. Plan form

The new multi-purpose room will be created by converting two adjacent unused changing rooms. This will be achieved by the removal of the non-load bearing wall between the two changing rooms.

The non-load bearing walls that house the toilets will be removed along with the toilet system, washbasins and the showers. The room will continue to be accessed from the central corridor and the two internal doors will be retained.

On the external north facing wall, two windows will be installed along with a single door. The single door will be for emergency evacuation in case of fire or other emergencies but will not be used as a normal access to the building. The normal access to the building will continue to be on the east side of the building.

### 3.2.2. Scale

No additional floor space is proposed.

### 3.2.3. Appearance/Materials/Colours/Texture

All materials are to match the existing as are the proposed windows and door.  
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## **3.3. Landscaping**

3.3.1. No alterations to the existing landscaping are proposed.

## **3.4. Vehicular Access and Parking**

3.4.1. The existing vehicular access and parking will be unaffected.