

Design intent note

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Colfe's School – Pavilion Proposal

Design Vision:

Create a positive architectural statement from a new sports pavilion providing support facilities for the school's external sports pitches. The single storey pavilion will be well located at the heart of playing fields, being immediately adjacent to the existing MUGA, all-weather sports pitch and the grassed main sports pitches. It will utilise an unused area immediately adjacent to the sports hall, avoiding the loss of any sports area.

To give presence to what could otherwise be quite a modest building, an oversailing mono-pitched roof rises from the edge of the MUGA toward the sport hall. The roof's angled form will create a covered veranda to the front façade acting as a focal point for the start and finish of sporting activities. A living green/brown roof will express the sustainability aspirations of the school, further helping to draw the eye whilst supporting biodiversity.

Beneath the veranda roof a projecting bay window further emphasises this location as the new external sports hub. It will also improve the sense of passive supervision from the staff base looking out over the pitches. The veranda will create a space for half time and after match gatherings, cover for supporters in wet weather and even a waiting area for students prior to exams. The extent of the roof maintains vehicular access through to the sports pitches. Large doors that will fold back against the walls open into the sports equipment store, allowing ease of access and movement.

The distinctive design of the rectangular box beneath the roof expresses the different functions within, creating variety. Yellow stock brickwork to the outer-facing facades is contrasted with blue horizontal banding that firstly wraps around the corner defining the large equipment store. Small, punched windows will provide some daylight into the store. The changing rooms and their showers are expressed by paired high level, obscured windows either side of a cluster of small windows and a denser panel of blue banding to the showers.

The building will be orientated to the MUGA creating a wedge shaped 'alleyway' between it and its neighbour that will maintain the emergency escape from the sports hall and provide a semi sheltered access to the changing rooms and toilet facilities. A glass canopy will cantilever from the building sheltering entrances and providing a covered waiting area for students as they await their PE lessons. The glass roof, light coloured brick wall and pale coloured paving will help to ensure that the alleyway feels light and bright.

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