

## Design & Access Statement and Heritage Statement

At: Blackpool Cricket Club, Barlow Crescent, Blackpool, FY3 9EQ

For: Blackpool Cricket Club

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## Introduction

This Design & Access Statement and Heritage Statement forms part of the application for Full Planning and Demolition In A Conservation Area for the widening of vehicle gates at Blackpool Cricket Club.

The application description reads as follows:

*Demolition and rebuild of existing gate posts to create two wider vehicle entrances and enlargement of gates.*

This document is to be read in conjunction with the following drawings:

JBA702-PL-001      Site Location Plan  
JBA702-PL-002      Existing and Proposed Elevations, Plans and Site Plans

## The Site

The site is located on Barlow Crescent off West Park Drive and forms the entrance to the Blackpool Cricket Club. The site is located within the Stanley Park Conservation Area.

Barlow Crescent sits off West Park Drive and provides the entrance in to the car park for the Cricket Club. Off Barlow Crescent, there are two vehicle entrances, one used for entry, the other for exit. There are also six pedestrian entrances which are used for large events (ie. bonfire nights, Lancashire cricket matches and music events).

The original boundary wall and gate posts were constructed around 1926 at the time of the opening of Stanley Park. The vehicle openings would have been sized to suit vehicles of the time.



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## Use

No change of use is required.

## Amount and Layout

It is proposed to widen each vehicle entrance by approximately 670mm. The Club needs to undertake this work due to the requirement for large lorries and delivery trucks to be able to enter and leave the site in a safe manner and without damaging the existing gateposts or gates. This is becoming an issue on a more regular basis, damage being rectified each time.

The access through the gates is very tight for the larger vehicles, hindered by the tight approach angle from Barlow Crescent.

## Scale

The proposal seeks to increase the size of the existing openings by approximately 670mm. This will be achieved by relocating the inner post to each entry/exit point, enabled by the removal of a section of wall between the gate post and closest pedestrian gate rather than a section of wall and railing if taken from the opposite side.

The gate posts will be rebuilt in their original form and height. The gates are to be remanufactured to fit the larger opening.

## Appearance

It is hoped the existing bricks can be re-used but some have already been subject to vehicle damage and will need to be replaced. The replacement bricks will be closely matched as possible. Mortar joints (weathered) will also be replicated to match the existing original mortar joints.



## Access

The wider access will ensure the site can be utilised in a safe manner for the future events which are required to ensure Blackpool Cricket Club remains a sustainable business and sports club for the community.