

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 of external amenity space immediately adjacent to the sports hall. Existing sports pitches are completely unaffected.

To give presence to what could otherwise be quite a modest building, articulation of the northern corner creates a focal point for the start and finish of sporting activities. A canopy on the eastern side provides shelter to students entering and leaving the changing rooms. A living green/brown roof will express the sustainability aspirations of the school and supporting biodiversity.

The prominent corner is accentuated with a taller projecting cube that is punctured with a corner window. This provides a sense of passive supervision from the staff base looking out over the pitches. The extent of the projecting cube maintains vehicular access through to the sports pitches as well as pedestrian movement between the junior and senior sites. The building will be orientated to the Sports Hall and maintains a gap to allow for maintenance access.

The distinctive design of the pavilion expresses the different functions within, creating variety. Light buff brickwork to the outer-facing facades of the main block is contrasted with red/orange feature brickwork on the projecting cube, drawing upon the existing context of the Sports Hall. Daylighting in the spaces will be through the use of glazed top-lights and vision panels in the doors. The changing rooms will also be lit with rooflights. Large doors that will fold back against the walls open into the sports equipment store, allowing ease of access and movement.