

## Design & Access Statement

Planning consent is sought for the change of surface of a grassed area and the replacement of a washed away grass bank with a retaining wall.

The areas around the courts (where parents/guardians stand to watch junior coaching) was mostly laid to grass, requiring regular and expensive maintenance. A large brick BBQ in the middle of the area was also identified as a safety risk.

Additionally heavy rainfall in 2019 and again in late Autumn/Winter 2020 had caused a small retaining wall and grass bank behind one of the courts to collapse over an access path (with the associated risk of future landslides) preventing safe access.

Work undertaken was therefore needed to:

- 1) change a grassed area partly to a patio (to safely host a re-sited outdoor BBQ) and the remainder to an astroturf surface (significantly reducing future maintenance costs) and,
- 2) to address a possible future landslide risk and to clear the access path (to reinstate access for wheelchair users), there was a need to re-build the retaining wall and grassed bank, changing the surface to a rockery (preventing the re-built area being used as a platform with views into neighbouring gardens and enabling a low cost future maintenance solution).