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## Application statement

### Proposed detached treatment and rehabilitation outbuilding

for:

Needham Market F.C. "Bloomfields", Quinton Road, Needham Market IP6 8DA

This document incorporates a Planning Statement and a Design & Access Statement under joint headings.

#### Why the work is desirable

"Bloomfields" is a purpose built football ground on the developed edge of Needham Market. The Club have become more successful since the ground was first constructed and now play at the seventh tier of football in England – entry into the higher echelons of these levels has necessitated considerable investment in ground improvements to provide the facilities and infrastructure to establish themselves.

The purpose of this outbuilding is to provide facilities, complimentary to the main football ground which would be commensurate with the requirement to participate in the next tiers of the semi-professional game within the FA. Pyramid where facilities have to be provided for larger crowds and bigger clubs. The current crowd capacity at 'Bloomfields' is 2250 spectators and the current average crowd is in excess of 300 people; the provision of this facility will give the ground an immediate treatment centre should incidents occur both on or off the pitch such as player injury or medical emergency,

#### The Property

The application site "Bloomfields" is an established local and regional football ground with associated training and social facilities which sits within its own site on the developed edge of Needham Market, the site benefits from two full sized football pitches with associated floodlighting, changing rooms and associated infrastructure.

#### Building Regulations

The proposed outbuilding will require Building Regulations consent but this is not anticipated to be an issue in view of the small scale of development proposed.



View of area proposed to locate the treatment & Rehabilitation room (North) by allotments



View from overspill carpark (North West elevation of existing clubhouse in background)

#### Land Use

This does not change as a result of this planning application.

### Client's requirements/ design objectives

The Client required a complimentary facility to be used by the Football Club; within the entire concept of the planning application it is anticipated that the provision of this facility will give the ground an immediate treatment centre should incidents occur both on or off the pitch such as player injury or medical emergency.

### The design process

The scheme drawings which form this application have evolved over a year of trying to create a facility which will provide most benefit to Needham Market Football Club, their associated groups, visiting teams, home and away supporters and the community at large in a manner which will be cost effective and good value.

### Flood risk

The proposed work will not increase the flood risk to the existing ground or surrounding land.

### Amount

New detached treatment and rehabilitation outbuilding = as indicated on submission drawings 53.1 sq.m., in context approximately the size of two shipping containers 'side-by-side'.

### Layout.

The layout is indicated on the submission drawings, the detached treatment and rehabilitation outbuilding will be located adjacent to the existing, original, clubhouse building with its entrance doors facing away from the first team grass pitch to allow easy transfer to ambulance or vehicle should the need arise.

Should an incident occur immediate treatment centre should incidents occur either on or off the pitch such as player injury or medical emergency, access for stretchers will be provided through a lockable gate to the side of the stand – it is not feasible or practical to provide a ramp down by the clubhouse building due to the relative levels within a confined space (the clubhouse building being very close to the spectator concourse).



View of spectator fence obscuring the outbuilding from the main grass pitch



View of grass bank/ fence obscuring views of the outbuilding from the main grass pitch side of the existing clubhouse to RHS.

### Scale

The planning application drawings note the sizes of the building and relative heights.

### Landscaping

Not applicable to this proposal.

### Appearance

The proposed work will be undertaken with materials as noted on the application drawings, the view from the residential properties will be similar to that expected for an agricultural outbuilding.

### Access – Logistical and Disabled

This is unaltered by these proposals, the building will have ambulant disabled access.