

Landscape Appraisal Plan

Burdocks, Fittleworth Road, Wisborough Green RH14 0HA

In support of planning application PP-12646891 for creation of a tennis court

Site Context

The site location designated for the tennis court is within the curtilage of a private back garden consisting of lawns, tall hedges and patio areas with a swimming pool. There are break out seating areas on lawns. The nearest neighbour is approx. 200m away. House is surrounded by farm land.

Landscape Character

The property is a family residence in a rural area with a main dwelling + additional stables, menage & 1 bed cottage. It is a rural setting with quiet roads. There is some livestock consisting of alpacas, sheep and & goats.

Policy Framework

The proposal is for the installation of a tennis court within the private curtilage of the garden. The court will only be used in daylight hours by family and friends and cannot be viewed due to positioning on a lower level in garden and because there are hedges approx. 3.5m surrounding large parts of garden.

Climate Impact

The site is not prone to flooding. Construction of the Tennis Court will not cause any potential flooding due to the fact that there is an existing surface water drain on the west side corner which the water and drainage will be connected to.

Safeguarding View

The tennis court will be constructed in line with guidelines and expectations required by the National Park. The court will not impact any views and will be out of view due to the level on which it will be constructed. A precedent was set previously for tennis courts in Brick Kiln Common. This will aim to be beneficial to health and well fare, social wellbeing and hopefully wildlife as well.

Construction

The court will be constructed to blend in with environment with conducive green mesh fencing & two-tone green colour materials. Soil will be re-used in a levelling up process in the garden so the extracted material will be re-used as part the levelling process together with a green sleeper wall. There will be no floodlighting. As part of the construction additional hedging will be introduced to provide additional wildlife cover. No additional drainage will be required as existing options will suffice. As previously stated the construction will allow additional hedgerow planting as an enhanced alternative to the previously grassed area.

Conclusion

As previously mentioned a precedent has already been set for a similar project.

Additional benefit will be assured from the construction project both to personal wellbeing, plant & wildlife.

The general external views and perception will remain unchanged.

The project will not have any negative unsociable effect due to limiting the court to daytime use.

It will also create a level area that was previously a slope which can be more beneficial for people affected by disability that could be affected by an incline.