PINNEGAR HAYWARD DESIGN

DESIGN AND ACCESS STATEMENT

PARK HALL VISITORS CENTRE, STOKER ON TRENT

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1.0 DESIGN

1.1 Use

The proposed new visitors centre is a direct replacement for one that previously existed but was demolished following catastrophic damage by an arson attack.
There is wide public support from the local community and council. During a public consultation last summer it was very apparent that there is a strong political will behind it and the park users are very keen to see a replacement building constructed without further delay.
The building is to contain community space, a satellite base for the parks team and a small shop which will provide employment.
The building will be fully compliant with current disabled access regulations incorporating level thresholds throughout.

1.2 Amount

The single storey building will have an internal footprint of 123m2 generated by the existing retained slab of the old building.
The budget allocated for this building (covered by an insurance pay-out) is expected to cover a building of this size and no bigger.

1.3 Layout

The kiosk has been positioned to relate to the play area, which will provide informal supervision.
The entrance is orientated towards the car park and playground which is perceived as the primary direction from which visitors will approach the building.
The 2 community rooms of different sizes can be accessed independently allowing more than one group to use the building at a time.
All the habitable rooms have external doors to facilitate inside/outside permeation and are orientated to take maximum advantage of views on the site.
It is proposed that 2No. remote CCTV cameras be installed on poles which together will give 100% coverage of the building facade

1.4 Scale

The local terrain (previously clay pits) is very undulating and the naturalised vegetation is well established.
One doesn't have to travel far in order to lose site of the building. By incorporating a steeply sloping roof with ridge at 5.5m above FFL the building should act as a local way-finding land mark.
Due to the aforementioned landscape the building will not be visible from the park boundary so will have no impact on residents etc.

1.5 **Landscaping**

Because the proposed building is intended to sit on the location of the slab of the original building there are no major changes to landscaping or loss of trees etc.
Some of the existing substandard paved area are to be resurfaced with macadam but there is no planned change to externa levels.

1.6 **Appearance**

The design of the single storey building incorporates durable vandal resistant materials (ie metal standing seam roof and brickwork/render walls) in a way that will require minimal ongoing maintenance but also not look too austere.
The roof incorporates metal gutters and is too steep for individuals to climb onto and has minimal overhangs under which youths may congregate.
The overall form of the roof has been shaped to create architectural interest. A gable is to be formed over the entrance signifying its prominence Roller shutter lintels are to be incorporated into the design which means the roller shutter boxes are discretely hidden within the wall construction.
This should prevent the building looking too ghettoised when not in use.

2.0 **Access**

The building is to be designed to provide reasonable facilities required for disabled persons visiting and working in the premises.
The building user is aware of their responsibilities under the Disability Discrimination Act 1995.
Existing vehicle access to the site is maintained. Pedestrian routes around the site are as existing.