

Design & Access Statement

Alton Towers, Alton: Proposed installation of 2 No. of Junior drop towers and alteration to existing landscaping.

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Introduction

This Design & Access Statement has been prepared by Smytheman Architectural in support of an application for full planning consent submitted to Staffordshire Moorlands District Council, commissioned on behalf of Merlin Entertainments Alton Towers. This document intends to demonstrate that the applicant has carefully considered the site, the building and the wider context when formulating the proposals.

This document should be read in conjunction with the following drawings:

- ATHH-SA-XX-XX-DR-A_0102_Proposed_Site_Block_and_Location_Plan
- ATHH-SA-XX-XX-DR-A_0103_Proposed_Site_Plan_and_Elevations
- ATHH-SA-XX-XX-DR-A-0401_Ride_Plan_and_Elevations

Location

National Grid Reference: **SK 07150 43716**

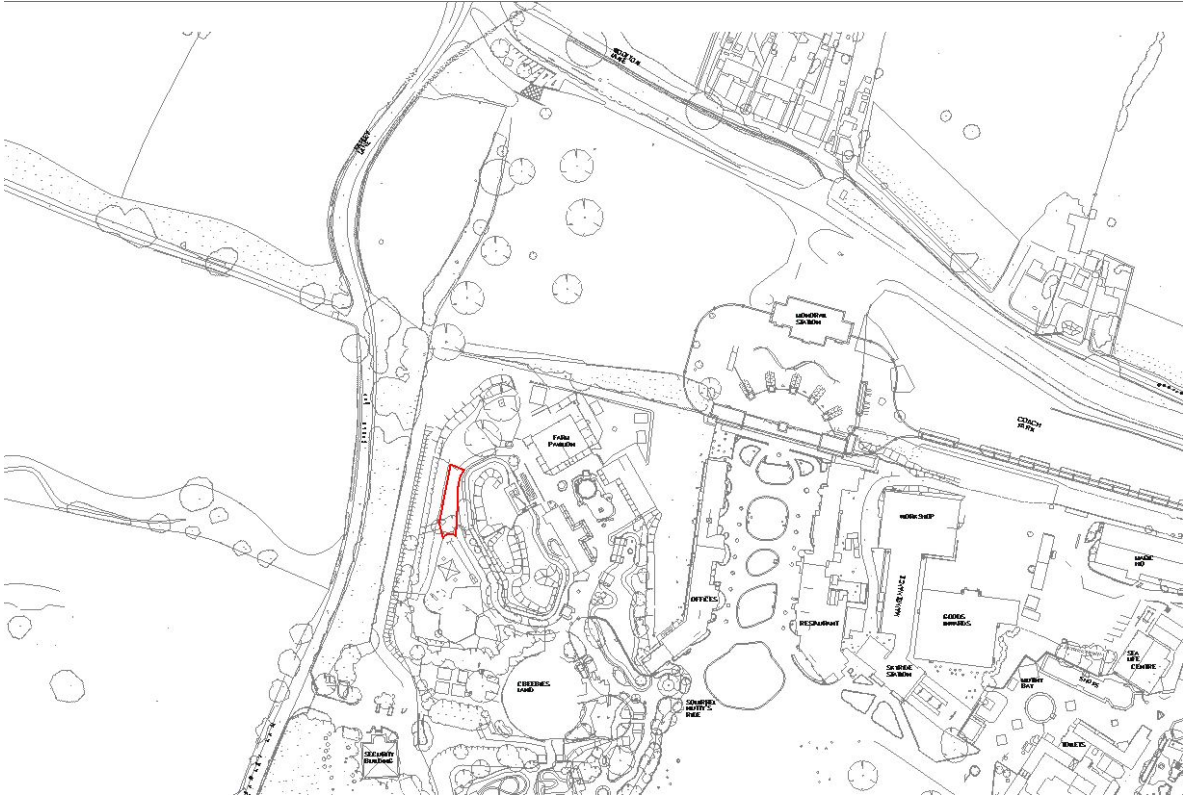


Figure 1: Site Location (edged in Red)

The currently the site includes a queue line to 'Mr Blooms Allotment show' and a buggy park. The application site is within Alton's conservation area. The site is a not in a flood risk zone.

The proposal for the installation of 2 No. of Junior Drop Tower rides.

The site area (defined by the Red Boundary) is **250m²**.

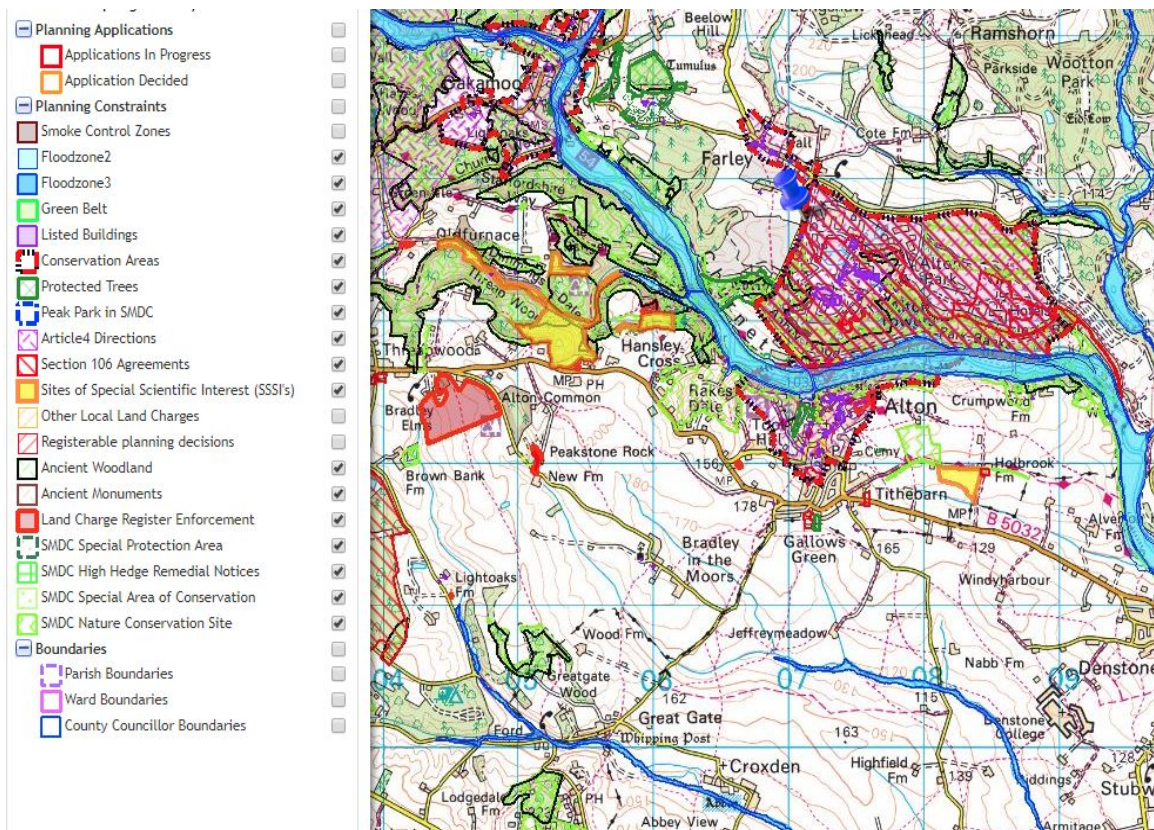


Figure 2: Interactive map extract from Staffordshire Moorlands District Council showing the site located under the 'Blue pin'. This demonstrates that the site is outside of the local authority's designated green belt areas but sits within a conservation area.

Proposals



Figure 3: Site as existing.

The site currently consists of queue line racks for 'Mr Blooms Allotment' show, a buggy park and a small area of waste land.

The proposal shall include the following:

- Reduce Mr Blooms queue line and provide new queue racks for proposed ride including a disabled entrance.
- Provide a sheltered ride operators booth to run new ride.
- Installation of two small drop tower rides with a themed back drop.

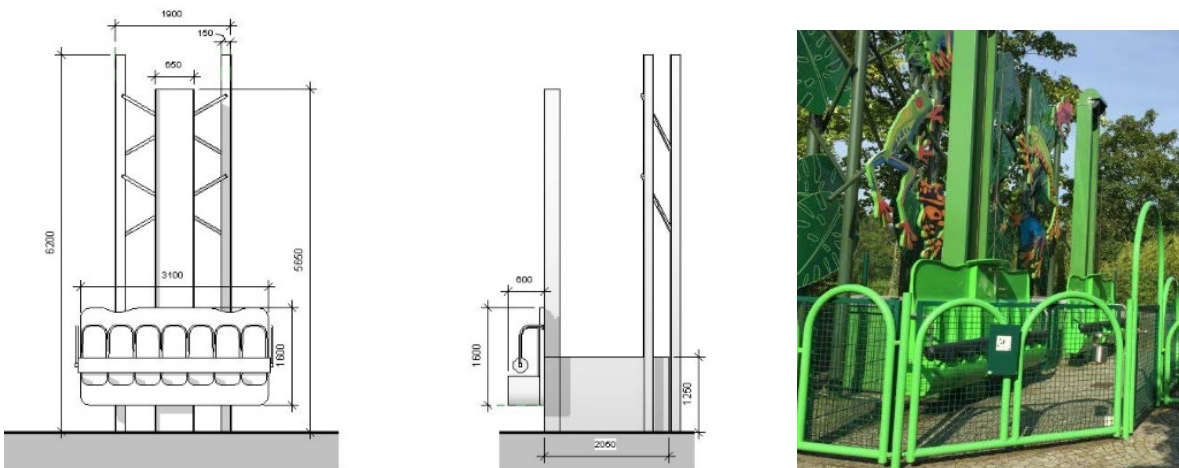


Figure 4: The ride elevations and the proposed ride currently in situ in another theme park.

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Use

The proposal is for the installation of 2 No. Junior Drop Tower rides. The site is currently under utilised and will provide additional amenity for children in the already popular CBeebies Land within Alton Towers.

Amount

The proposed layout shall result in an additional 32m² of floor area inclusive of two rides and an operator's booth. With an overall site area of 250 m² This is considered an efficient use of space which is currently underutilised within a landscaped area and an existing queue line not used to full capacity.

Layout

The layout of the proposal is determined by the limited extent of the site, the existing boundaries and existing footpath.

88m² of Mr Blooms queue line is to be replaced with a new picket fence forming queue racks for the proposed ride. In turn this will create 53 linear metres of queue line including a new disabled entrance. 2 No. Junior Drop Towers sit at the rear of the site facing the existing footpath and a proposed standing area for parents/ guardians. An operator's booth sits at the front of the site within clear sight lines of both towers.

Scale & Massing

The proposed rides and operator's booth shall have a scale and mass that is subservient to the surrounding site structures and landscape. The Proposed ride is suitably situated to the rear of the site which backs onto a boundary consisting of hedges and mature trees ensuring any imposing dominance from the ride's height is reduced by the landscape.

Appearance and Materials

Materials for the various components are as follows:

- Operators booth - traditional timber shed with interlock door and two clear vision panels.
- Queue line fencing - round top picket fence pales to both sides of timber structure. To be smooth planed finish, treated and suitably stained.
- Floor finish (new ride) - Marshalls keyblok paviments.

Landscaping

Existing raised beds and planted hedges within 'Mr Blooms' queue line are to be removed where required and replaced with new round top picket fence to serve new ride. Floor finish to new ride and queue line to be Marshalls keyblok paviments laid herringbone.

Traffic Generation, Access and Car Parking

The access to the site will not be affected by this proposal.

