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Bowling Pavilion, Victoria Park, Archery Road, Leamington Spa CV31 3PT

Alterations and extensions to Bowls Pavilion FOR Warwick District Council

This application is being presented to Committee as Warwick District Council are the applicant.

RECOMMENDATION

Planning Committee are recommended to grant planning permission, subject to conditions.

DETAILS OF THE DEVELOPMENT

Planning permission is sought for a new changing room extension measuring 4.6m by 10.4m set between the eastern elevation of the pavilion building and the detached Greenkeeper's store. A bar store extension is also proposed to the north elevation of the pavilion and internal layout changes will create two new toilets. The existing sections of glazed roof to the centre of the building will be replaced by slate tile.

The application is accompanied by a Design and Access Statement, which explains that with the site becoming the home of both the male and female National bowls it is envisaged that the additional events will increase the number of bowlers using the current facilities. The scheme seeks to modernise and upgrade current facilities.

THE SITE AND ITS LOCATION

The application site relates to the pavilion building located within Victoria Park, a Registered Historic Park situated within the Royal Leamington Spa Conservation Area. Victoria Park together with The Pump Room Gardens and Jephson Gardens to the east forms a green wedge which runs through the heart of Royal Leamington Spa. The pavilion adjoins the park's bowling greens and is set adjacent to the southern bank of the River Leam.

PLANNING HISTORY

Various historic applications for park buildings/shelters, flood lighting and bowls pitches, the most recent being:

W/13/0478 Temporary change of use of land for the installation of marquees, gazebos

and shelters for use by sponsors, traders, officers, competitors and visitors to the annual Bowls England National Championships; and for the siting of up to 30 touring caravans for the accommodation of officials and competitors; all for a temporary period of not more than 36 days each year between the third week of July and the first week of September: Granted 24th May 2013.

W/13/0827 Erection of low profile storage buildings and associated landscaping screen of mixed native shrubs: Granted 25th July 2013.

W/13/1040 Replacement irrigation system for the bowling greens to include the replacement of the pipework and sprinklers and installation of a new 2m wide x 3m long and 2m high irrigation storage tank and pump house behind the existing Greenkeeper shed within a fenced compound: Granted 5th September 2013.

RELEVANT POLICIES

- DP1 Layout and Design (Warwick District Local Plan 1996 2011)
- DP2 Amenity (Warwick District Local Plan 1996 2011)
- DP3 Natural and Historic Environment and Landscape (Warwick District Local Plan 1996 2011)
- DAP8 Protection of Conservation Areas (Warwick District Local Plan 1996 2011)
- DAP11 Protecting Historic Parks and Gardens (Warwick District Local Plan 1996 -2011)
- National Planning Policy Framework

SUMMARY OF REPRESENTATIONS

Leamington Spa Town Council - No objection

Environment Agency - Comments awaited, to be reported at Committee

Community Protection - No objection

ASSESSMENT

The main consideration in assessing this application are as follows:

- Design and visual amenity;
- Impact upon neighbour's amenity;
- Matters of ecology/flooding.

Design and visual amenity

The proposed changing room extension will link the eastern elevation of the pavilion to the Greenkeeper's store building, and will follow the style, character and linear form of the existing pavilion building, providing an appropriate design solution. The bar store will nestle into the north elevation.

The proposed extensions will be well positioned and form unobtrusive additions to the existing pavilion building. The scheme is not therefore considered to raise any significant impact upon visual amenity or the character or setting of the park and conservation area.

Impact upon neighbour's amenity

Given the distance to surrounding residential properties the proposed development is not considered to result in any significant impact upon the amenities of the occupiers of these properties.

Matters of ecology/flooding

The extensions are located on existing areas of hardstanding adjacent to the building and therefore no ecology/landscaping issues are raised.

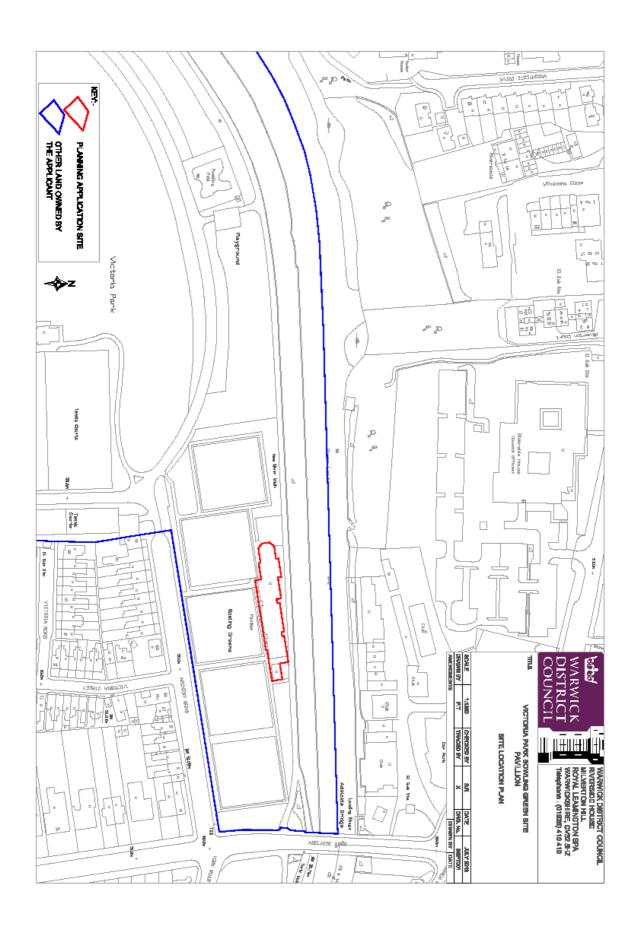
The park is within Flood Zone 2 and 3 however the development is water compatible and no objections have been raised by the Community Protection Team.

SUMMARY/CONCLUSION

In the opinion of the Local Planning Authority, the nature and scale of the development would not cause unacceptable harm to the character or setting of the Conservation Area, the Historic Park and Garden status of Victoria Park or neighbours' amenity. The proposal is therefore considered to comply with the policies listed.

CONDITIONS

- The development hereby permitted shall begin not later than three years from the date of this permission. **REASON:** To comply with Section 91 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended).
- The development hereby permitted shall be carried out strictly in accordance with the details shown on the site location plan and approved drawing(s) HPS/VPI3/06, HPS/VPI3/07, HPS/VPI3/03P, HPS/VPI3/04 and specification contained therein, submitted on 1st August 2013. **REASON**: For the avoidance of doubt and to secure a satisfactory form of development in accordance with Policies DP1 and DP2 of the Warwick District Local Plan 1996-2011.
- No facing and roofing materials shall be used other than materials similar in appearance to those used in the construction of the exterior of the existing building. **REASON:** To ensure that the proposed development has a satisfactory external appearance in the interests of the visual amenities of the locality in accordance with Policies DP1 and DAP8 of the Warwick District Local Plan 1996-2011.



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