Fishersgate Community Centre

West Road, Fishersgate, BN41 1QH

Planning application – Design & Access statement

Application to demolish existing dome structure and replace with new link building, refurbishment of remaining wings

Application submitted by - Adur District Council – Technical Services

DESIGN

The existing building is currently partly used by community & voluntary groups mainly youth related. The dome structure & southern wing are unused as they are incomplete and unsafe for community purposes after a prolonged period following the liquidation of the original contractor. The future use of the refurbished and partially rebuilt unit will provide the same function but with an improved internal layout, functioning and accessible toilets, a new kitchen & changing areas and will include the provision of a central entrance foyer forming a café area.

It is proposed to replace the defective dome structure with a framed construction link section & to match the external finishes across the building. Some velux window units will be installed through the existing roofs to allow natural light into the building & afford privacy & security. New upvc windows to the link new build will have polycarbonate surrounds & a polycarbonate canopy will be installed to the new main central entrance.



ACCESS

Vehicular & transport links to the site – parking remains as existing which also serves the recreation ground. Cycles can be taken into the area around the centre and secured. There is a bus route to the main sea front road adjoining the site. Fishersgate station is within 10 minutes walk of the site.

Inclusive Access - the centre will have no inaccessible areas, all facilities are on ground floor level.

Disabled toilet facilities and external level access will be provided as part of the scheme.

Adur Access & Mobility Group will be consulted & given the opportunity to input into design aspects affecting access & usage of the building by disabled.

The community centre is multi use facility for all ages, disabled groups/individuals, all ethnic & social groups/individuals.

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