

Bradford on Avon Preservation Trust
Comments on current planning applications

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PL/2024/02611 Culver Close Recreation Ground

The current proposals overcome the Preservation Trust's significant objections to the former pre-application submission that would have resulted in an overly large building in an inappropriate location. Whilst we had no objection to the sustainable contemporary design of that building and its passive construction, the proposal would have been contrary to policy and harmful to local amenity, the character and setting of the conservation area and other matters of acknowledged importance.

We have no such objections to the current proposal and welcome the new locations as currently proposed.

Turning first to the replacement of the sub-standard existing single storey building with a new single storey building of a similar footprint and height incorporating improved facilities. It is a vast improvement on the former pre-application submission. The simplicity of the contemporary linear design together with the use of well-chosen sustainable materials including the green roof are to be commended. Furthermore, there would be no harm to the setting of nearby listed buildings or the character and appearance of the conservation area and there are no policy objections.

Turning now to the Amenity Building. We are equally pleased to see the removal of the unsightly containers.

However, we do not accept that the design of the new building should take its emphasis from the appearance of a barn. It isn't a

barn so the design should better reflect its use as a sports pavilion. It is our opinion that the pitched roof could be extended downwards to form a canopy over a simple decking area that could be used for seating by those watching football matches and waiting to collect their children from games. This would add interest and amenity to the building. Whilst it would be well screened in part by trees and hedging to the rear, when viewed from the playing field it will be a prominent building and it is for that reason we suggest changes to its design to better reflect that of a sports pavilion.

We note that there are public footpaths in the vicinity that will be affected by the proposals. Any requirement to divert these should ensure that the new routes as closely as possible follows the original routes in the interests of public amenity.

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On behalf

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