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New Maintenance Building

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Introduction



The Purpose of the Report

This report accompanies the planning application for the proposed works to demolish the existing maintenance building and the formation of a new Maintenance building within the George V Park in Melksham.

Introduction

The site was purchased by the Melksham Cricket Club in 1905, known as 'Cricket Pitch Field' and a large area of the site was reprofiled during this period to better accommodate the cricket oval.

The site was not publicly accessible until it became King George V Playing Fields in 1937. It was purchased as a public open space for Melksham in September 1937 following donations of both money and land to commemorate the death of King George V.

It has been a valued part of Melksham town centre ever since forming the backdrop to and location of many cherished memories for the people of the town and visitors alike.

Generally speaking the park remains a popular destination and focal point within the town, however there are key features such as the paddling pool and the cricket pitch which have ceased to satisfy their original function or have come to the end of their economic use and have had to be removed.

Site



View of Existing maintenance building from the East



View of Existing Maintenance building from the South West

Location

As illustrated on the maps opposite and below, the park is located within the centre of Melksham, on the River Avon in Wiltshire. The site is bounded to the south and east by car parking and roads and on the north west and southern boundaries by waterways.

The River Avon runs along the north western boundary providing open views along the river corridor and over toward the Cooper Tires factory on the opposite side of the river. To the south is the vegetated corridor of Clackers Brook, an overgrown bank with a shallow water course susceptible to flash flooding events.

The park is largely open in character dominated by the large mown grass playing field at the centre. Buildings within the park are spread along the northern edge, Tree planting is grouped around the perimeter of the park.

The site is largely flat with steeper slopes to the edge of the sports pitch where the terrain slopes toward the River Avon and Clackers Brook.

Existing Building

The existing Maintenance shed is a rendered single story derelict structure with a corrugated metal roof.



Existing internal view



Existing internal view

Photographs

A selection of existing photographs.



Existing view from the North



Existing view from the West

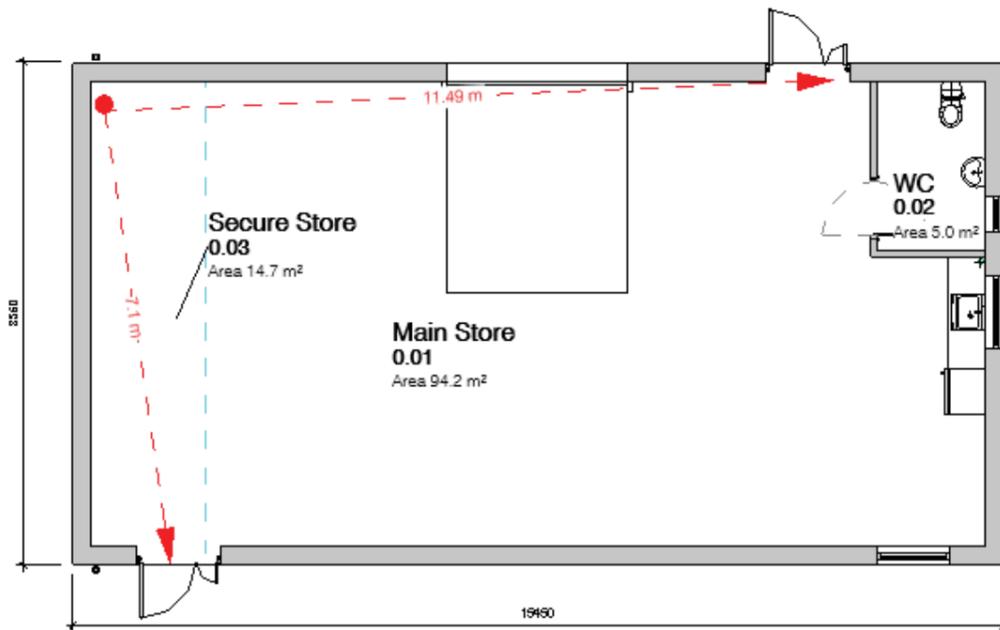
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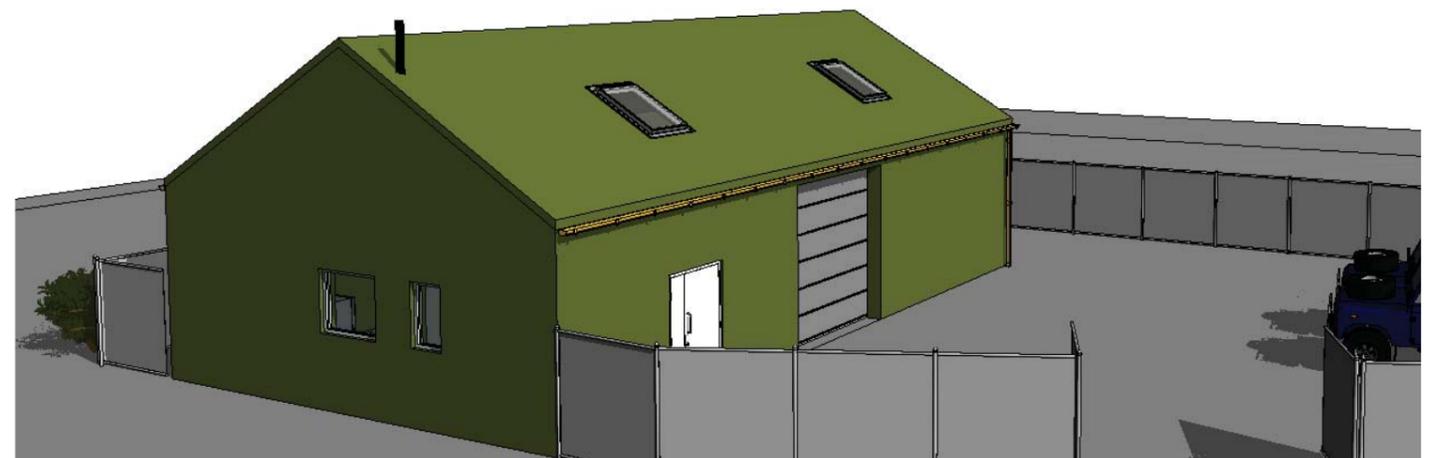
Profiled Sheet

Proposed Maintenance Building

The Maintenance Building will be faced with a corrugated Semi-compressed fibre cement sheet on both the walls and roof.



Proposed Maintenance Building



View from North

