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0.1 Introduction

This document has been prepared on behalf of the client, Hampton Wick Royal Cricket Club, one of the oldest of the Royal Parks cricket clubs, founded in 1863. The Pavilion, which stood on the site since 1989 was subject to an arson attack, in early September 2023.

This report presents the proposed replacement Pavilion, which is designed following extensive consultation with Richmond Borough Council, the Royal Parks and Sport England to be in line with current ECB guidelines and other associated governing bodies.

The proposal for the rebuild of the Pavilion seeks to create an exemplar building fit for purpose, honoring the history and legacy of the club with a strong focus on the future and generations to come. The design will respect the sensitive setting within Bushy Park, managed by the Royal Parks Agency, through the use of sustainable, considered design principles. It will provide a building to cater for all stakeholders with improved access for all with sustainability at the heart of the agenda.

The new building will follow the footprint of the previous pavilion, to avoid any impingement on green space, safeguarding the existing trees on the site. The massing will be broadly of the same size and scale as the previous but will be more attune to the needs of the club, designed to ensure future growth and longevity through inclusive, sustainable design.

The new Pavilion will include improved facilities, including 4 changing rooms, with separate facilities for female players and guests, a club room / social space comparable with other clubs in the park, a bar, catering facilities, secure storage areas, improved disabled access and facilities for officials.

The Pavilion will encourage access for all and champion diversity, with modern day facilities for both Female and Male players. The new space will be fit for future adaptation, flexible in accommodating new sustainable technologies as systems advance and become more readily available. The Pavilion will be designed with strong secure by design principles to deter against form of vandalism and acts of anti-social behaviour. Accessibility for all will be created through the inclusion of new facilities for wheelchair users and the disabled.

This report should be read in conjunction with the following reports & statements produced in support of the proposal:

- Drawing Package - Existing & Proposed Plans, Sections & Elevations.
- Planning Statement
- Community Use statement/ Draft Community Use Agreement
- Heritage Statement
- Open Space Assessment
- Fire Strategy
- Transport Assessment
- Flood Risk Assessment & Suds Statement
- Tree Survey
- Arboricultural Impact Assessment and Arboricultural Method Statement in accordance with British Standard 5837
- Preliminary Ecological Appraisal, including proposals for mitigation and enhancement measures
- Acoustic Assessments
- Energy Report



0.2 HWRCC - Cricket Community

Hampton Wick Royal Cricket Club was founded in 1863 and its ground is situated at the Kingston end of Bushy Park. The club is very privileged to play in such beautiful surrounding and is the envy of many other cricket clubs.

Tragically the pavilion was destroyed by fire in September 2023 and huge efforts have been made since to help raise funds for the club to resume and to get operational once again. Temporary facilities will be in place for the 2024 playing season with hope the new Pavilion will then bring the facilities the club have much needed for some time and even more so now.

The ground is also home to Harlequins Amateurs Rugby, Bedford Sports FC, Kingston College Football Academy and other community groups.

Considerable time has been spent by the club, working with insurers and loss adjusters to formalise an insurance pay but to ensure the club have all the funds needed, ongoing fund raising and charity events are taking place for this beloved community club.

The new facility will provide the shortfall of facilities the club have desperately needed over the years and re provide the club base for the local community. The club hopes to get the club up running to provide facilities for the teams and community groups whose home is The Wick.



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Overnight on 6 September, there was a catastrophic fire that destroyed our pavilion. As well as Hampton Wick Royal Cricket Club, this ground is home to Harlequins Amateurs rugby, Bedford Sports FC, Kingston College Football Academy and other community groups.

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1.0 Site & Contextual Research