

PLANNING REF : 261405
PROPERTY ADDRESS : 2 Bernard Cottages
: Recreation Lane, Spencers Wood, Berkshire
: RG7 1ED
SUBMITTED BY : Mr Paul Konig
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COMMENTS:

No provision of dimensions on plan 7033:26:1 to determine size or impact of building structure. The colour of the shelter is not specified - will it match the MUGA so as not to be visually intrusive? Several typographic errors are present in the information box.

The orientation should be revised such that the shelter's open side looks out over both the skate park and the MUGA by rotating the shelter by approximately 45 degrees. if the rear finish is Perspex/polycarbonate it will be smashed, as the bike shelter was, due to antisocial behaviour. it should be metal mesh as per the sides.

Community Consultation Statement mentions the distribution of pre-application leaflet. No such leaflet was knowingly received. The document references "Spencer's Wood" not "Spencers Wood" which is disappointing as it shows a lack of due care in preparation and checking.

The planning statement states the shelter is a "youth shelter" and it is unclear why the applicant has sought to actively exclude other users. it states it will be "location which offers good natural surveillance to guard against unsociable behaviour".

Natural surveillance is not sufficient, the recreation ground has been an area of antisocial behaviour and requires additional monitoring by ASB teams and the local PCSOs for noise or disruptive behaviour. This needs to be made a planning condition.

When the Pavilion was constructed antisocial behaviour took place within the doorways leading to powered shutters being installed. The shelter must be within sight of the CCTV and proactive monitoring undertaken. Checks on noise and unruly behaviour must be undertaken routinely.