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Proposed Youth Shelter

at

Spencers Wood Recreation Ground
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PLANNING STATEMENT

Introduction

This statement accompanies a planning application submitted to Wokingham Borough Council by Shinfield Parish Council seeking consent to erect a new youth shelter at Spencers Wood Recreation Ground.

The existing site

Spencers Wood Recreation Ground is a primarily square site measuring just over 1ha in area. The primary building on the site is Spencers Wood Pavilion which is positioned adjacent to the western boundary. It offers rooms for hire, and is also home to Chapel Lane Pre-School and the Pavilion Youth Club.

Externally the site features a car park along the northern boundary with Clares Green Road, and thereafter the central portion of the site is laid to grass forming the main body of the recreation ground. To the southern boundary, the site offers outside facilities consisting of a basketball area, skate park, multi-use games area and an aerial runway zip-wire – facilities which tend to be utilised by young people in the vicinity.

The scheme proposals

The scheme proposals consist of the introduction of a freestanding youth shelter adjacent to the existing outside facilities. The shelter will serve to provide a modest but durable covered seating area for youngsters to socialise, whilst also offering protection from inclement weather should the need arise.

Conclusion

The proposal is seen as an appropriate addition to bolster the existing youth facilities that the recreation ground offers, and in a location which offers good natural surveillance to guard against unsociable behaviour. It's in conjunction with an established and successful youth programme, and in keeping with the recreational use of the site. It's considered to meet planning policy requirements for leisure and recreation, and encouraging outside sport and activity. I therefore respectfully request the application be considered favourably.



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