

READING BOROUGH COUNCIL

DIRECTOR OF ECONOMIC GROWTH AND NEIGHBOURHOOD SERVICES

MAPLEDURHAM PLAYING FIELDS TRUSTEES SUB-COMMITTEE: 15<sup>th</sup> October 2019

PAVILION IMPROVEMENT WORKS - UPDATE REPORT

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### 1.1 Football Association update

A recent meeting with the Berks and Bucks Football Association and a consultant working on behalf of the National FA, who are producing a national plan for investment into football for the next 10 years provided feedback on the future investment in football. The FA's focus is on improving the quality of pitches, measures to increase the number of games that a particular area can accommodate (e.g. artificial turf or better drainage) and improved quality/provision of support infrastructure (social space and changing). Rather than funding or increasing the number of changing spaces they would prefer to see staggered start times for matches and the provision of storage/lockers for teams. This will allow teams when playing to store their belongings to allow changing space to be used by a team starting for example half an hour later. The FA acknowledges that football leagues may be resistant to the change but this appears to be the approach they are taking across the country as this is part of a national strategy. Thus the provision of more changing space at the pavilion does not match the priorities for the FA over the next 10 years and will not be a priority for funding.

Comments have been received from a number of parties on the advantages and disadvantages of plans identifying additional changing rooms in alternate positions. These plans have now been overtaken by the FA feedback above.

On consultation with Caversham Trents F.C, the proposal is to take forward future plans without the additional 3rd and 4th changing rooms given the changed FA funding priorities. The proposed revised layout however does not exclude the subsequent addition of additional changing rooms should they be required.

### 1.2 Other design comments

Recent comments received through the Management Committee included:

- Request for more storage space with easier access from the main hall.
- Question the need for an office and additional meeting space

Updated drawings are appended to the report that reflects the removal of the extra changing rooms and additional changing space with access off the main hall.

In light of the comments made through the management committee, one of the

meeting rooms/space may be used for either storage if required while awaiting further storage to be built to the rear of the changing rooms.

Two plans are attached to this update:

**Plan 1a Refurbishment of the Existing Pavilion**

Identifies the extent of works to be undertaken in first phase of the works, for which approval to seek planning permission and procure a contractor is sought within the previously agreed available £825k budget (inclusive of fees and contingency)

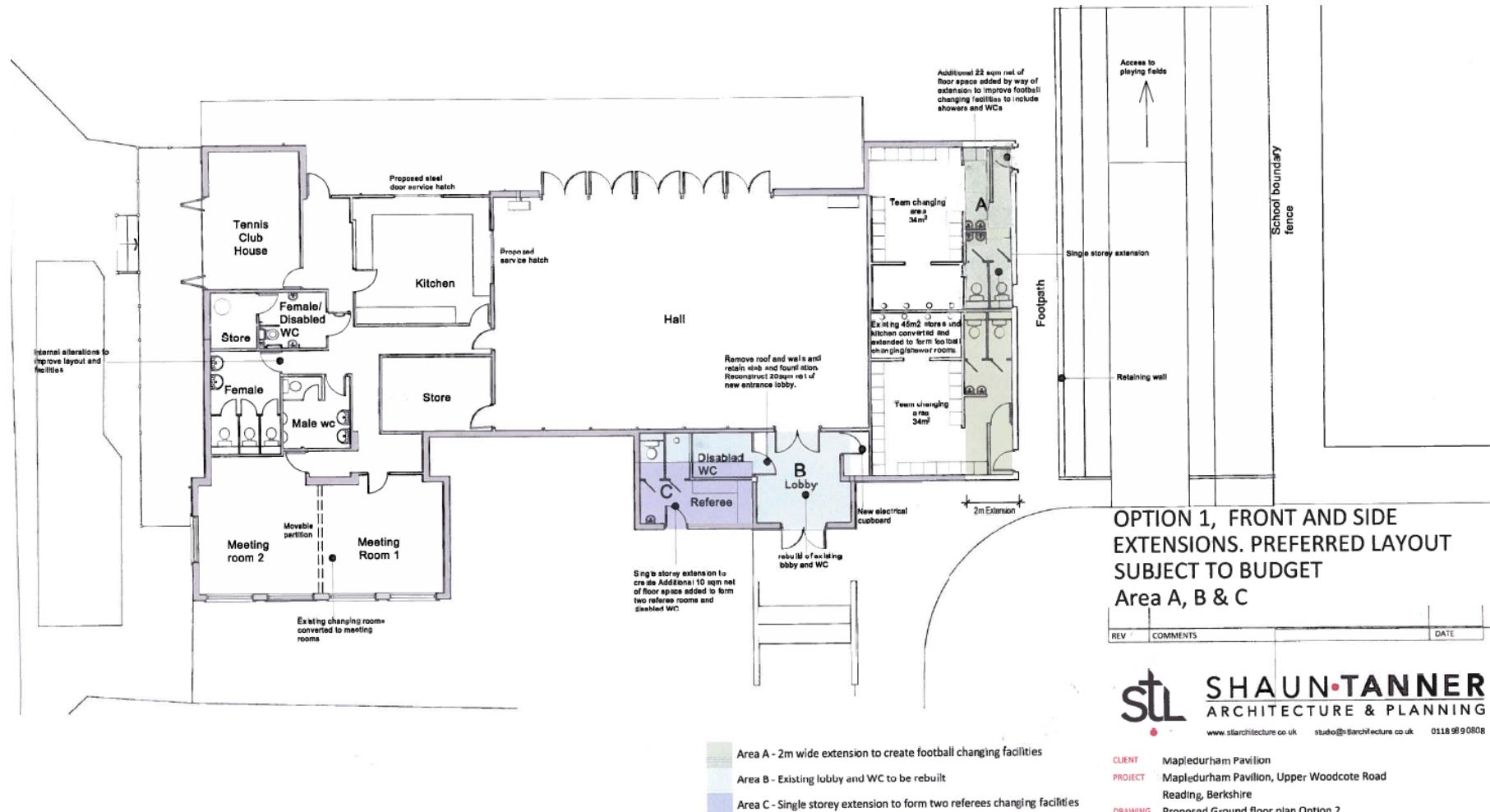
**Plan 2a Potential Future Developments:**

Identifies how further facilities identified by users could be accommodated. These include:

- Additional storage
- Office/storage space
- Extended kitchen
- Relocated main entrance

It is proposed to seek planning permission for these potential developments to save having to make an additional subsequent planning application. Prior to these works to being undertaken funding and approval of the trustees would be sought. There is no additional cost in seeking planning permission for these additional items while making the application for the changes identified plan 1a.

## Plan 1a Refurbishment of the Existing Pavilion:



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**CLIENT** Mapledurham Pavilion  
**PROJECT** Mapledurham Pavilion, Upper Woodcote Road  
Reading, Berkshire  
**DRAWING** Proposed Ground floor plan Option 2

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