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Gwersyllt Park Cricket Club

Transport Statement

Project: Installation of outdoor covered cricket facilities

1. Introduction

This statement provides transport information and additional, agreed mitigations associated with a planning application to install an outdoor covered cricket facility.

It forms supporting information requested by the planning department in the Pre-Application Report.

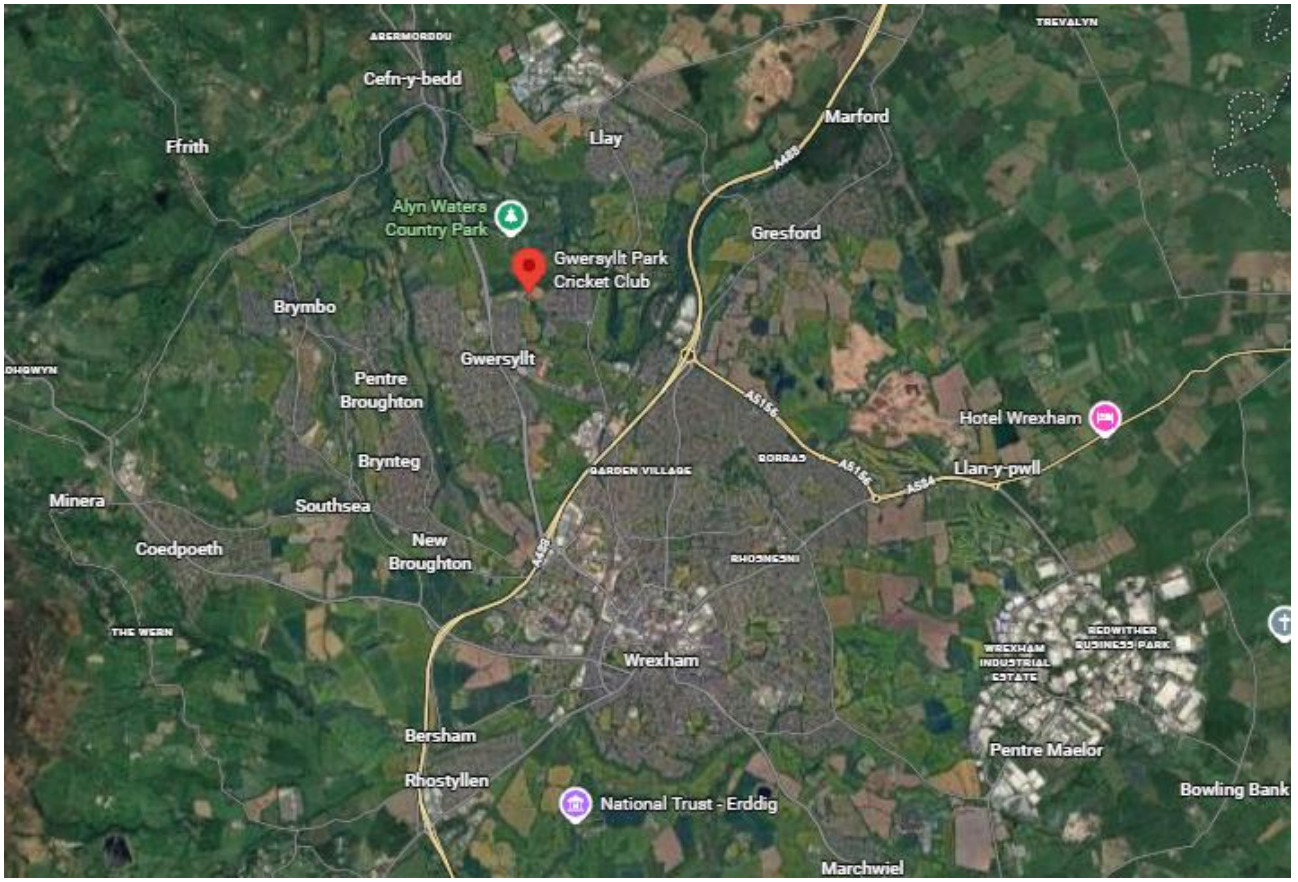
2. Transport links to GPCC

GPCC is ideally located next to main trunk roads and wider motorway networks that enable swift access to the ground from both North Wales, South Wales and the adjoining counties in England (below).

By Road
The Ground is situated on Park Wall Road that connects the villages of Gwersyllt and Bradley. Wrexham Town centre is 3km away with key trunk roads of A541 and A483 being only 3mins away by car. Both roads allow access to North Wales expressway (A55) and M53 within 20 minutes.

Bus
There is a bus stop immediately opposite the main entrance. It is on the Wrexham to Chester route (Buses 27 and 33). It takes approximately 11 mins to get to Wrexham with further connections to Chester Rail Station and Mold.

Train
Gwersyllt Train station is on the Wrexham to Bidston Trainline and is less than 1km from the ground.



3. Developing inclusive, accessible and sustainable Car Parking opportunities

Access to parking

GPCC utilises the 45-space car park next to our cricket ground. This is currently un-marked with no designated areas for disabled parking or electric charging points. As part of the extension to GPCC's lease boundaries to accommodate the outdoor covered facility we have agreed to take on responsibility of the existing car parking area adjacent to the ground.

The planning application includes the installation of an additional 7 off-road car parking spaces. 2 of these will be accessible bays to support and prioritise parking for blue badge holders.

The outdoor covered facilities will not significantly increase the existing vehicle movements. Approximately 10-20 people may access the area every hour when open. 51 spaces will easily accommodate up to 20 vehicles even during peak times.

If additional parking is required, visitors have the option of parking in the Alyn Waters South Entrance car park which is only 100m away – this can take a further 25 vehicles.

Given a capacity of 75 Available car parking spaces in and around the covered facility, we do not anticipate that vehicles will need to park off site and further into the residential areas of neighbouring Gwersyllt and Bradley.

We will mark an additional 2 accessible spaces at the new entrance to the clubhouse and also install EV charging stations (based on potential for sustainable grants funding).

4. Design of road entrance

The entrance and exit points to the new outdoor covered cricket facility will be designed and constructed in accordance with current specifications as outlined in the Highways Act Section 184.

The main entrance will have a drop kerb distance of 3.6m min. allowing excellent turning circles and visibility from the single lane. It will be signed and secured by inward facing gates.

5. Pedestrian and Vehicle safety

We have conducted a traffic risk assessment and have identified 2 key improvements that our project will offer in reducing the risk of vehicle-to-vehicle collision or vehicle to person collision.

After Planning Approval and Grant Funding investment:

1. We will install a new pedestrian crossing at the entrance to the existing clubhouse facilities. A raised accessible platform will also aid speed management as people access the outdoor facilities and the car parking areas at the entrance to the Alyn Waters Country Park.
2. We will also expand the pathway from the site entrance all of the way past our existing facilities and up to the south entrance of the Alyn Waters Country Park (approx. 30m). This will take pedestrians off the roads and get them safely to our facilities and the wider parkland. A significant improvement for the community as an indirect benefit of the project.

Note: In the Longer Term (2-5 years) and with further planning approval and grant funding, we have identified an option to construct a 2nd lane at the entrance. This will avoid vehicles waiting to access the car park and backing up onto the main road. There is also an option to develop a one-way system into the main car park with grant funding for re-surfacing and line marking. This development is included within our 2nd Project (existing clubhouse renovation and modernisation). Planning Application for this project will be submitted at the same time.