

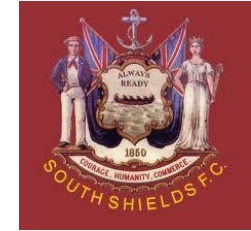
South Shields Football Club  
Mariners Park  
Shaftesbury Avenue  
South Shields  
NE32 3UP

**Proposed New Sports Pitch and Sports Ground  
Improvements**

**Design & Access Statement – Planning Application**

February 2016

NATSON BATTY  
ARCHITECTS



## Contents

### 1.0 Introduction

### 2.0 Application Site

#### 2.1 Location

#### 2.2 Aerial Photograph

#### 2.3 Location Plan and Application Site Boundary

#### 2.4 Site Photographs

### 3.0 Context

#### 3.1 Development Brief

#### 3.2 Approach

#### 3.3 Programme

### 4.0 Proposals

#### 4.1 Use and Design Considerations

#### 4.2 Amount

#### 4.3 Layout

#### 4.4 Scale

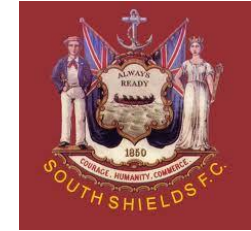
#### 4.5 Landscaping

#### 4.6 Appearance

### 5.0 Access

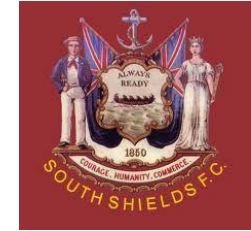
#### 5.1 Legislation

#### 5.2 Inclusive Design



## **1.0 Introduction**

This Design and Access Statement is to support a full planning application for a proposed new sports pitch and existing ground improvements for South Shields Football Club, Mariners Park, South Shields, to create an enhanced community/club sports facility. The proposal includes a new full size, floodlit, artificial sports pitch and improvements to the existing Mariners Park football ground – home of South Shields Football Club. The improvements include three new covered spectator stands, a new spectator toilet block and new spectator turnstiles. There are no works involving car parking or vehicular access roads. The Club currently play in the Ebac Northern League Division Two – Step 6 of the FA’s National League System 2015/16.



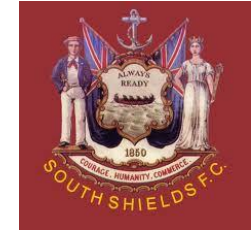
## **2.0 Location**

### **2.1 Location**

The application site is located on Shaftesbury Avenue, South Shields. It is close to existing commercial/industrial and residential property and adjacent to the Metro passenger rail line. The application site is owned by South Shields Football Club.

The site includes Mariners Park – the football ground of South Shields Football Club.

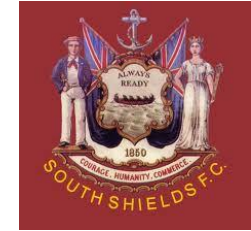
It is easily accessible by car, cycle, foot and public transport. There is some existing car parking available.



## 2.2 Aerial Photograph



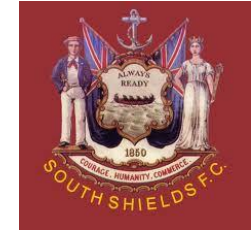
Application Site highlighted in orange – towards the end of Shaftesbury Avenue.



### 2.3 Location Plan and Application Site Boundary

Not to Scale – application site – red line outline (drawing included within planning application documentation).





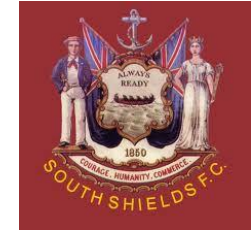
## 2.4 Site Photographs



View towards main vehicular approach to Mariners Park football ground off Shaftesbury Avenue. Access to existing car parking .



View at the end of Shaftesbury Avenue and existing vehicular turning head providing maintenance access to proposed new artificial sports pitch. Pedestrian footpath shown will be retained.

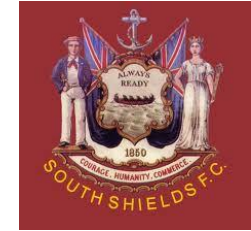


Existing view from Shaftesbury Avenue into the existing recreational site proposed for the new full size floodlit artificial sports pitch with new fencing enclosure.



View along Shaftesbury Avenue from existing turning head back towards existing vehicular access to car parking and existing sports clubhouse.



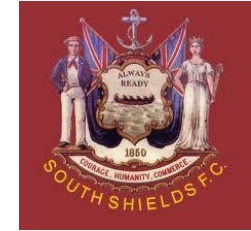


### **3.0 Context**

#### **3.1 Development Brief**

The applicant, South Shields Football Club, wish to develop existing recreational land, within their ownership, to provide a new community/club floodlit, artificial sports pitch primarily for football activities/training. It is intended that the new all weather (3G surface) pitch provides a versatile, long term, low maintenance sports facility for the local community (including local schools/youth groups), girls/women's football, and the club's academy/reserve and first team squads/players/coaching staff. Additional new buildings/structures included within this application will also further develop the existing Mariners Park football ground – directly adjacent to the proposed new 3G artificial sports pitch. These additions will include three new covered spectator terraced stands, a new enclosed toilet block building (male/female facilities) and new covered spectator turnstiles. All of these additions will enable the club to provide improved spectator facilities on match days.

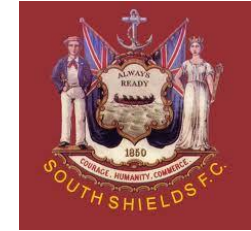
All facilities will have been developed with reference to current Sport England/Football Association and Football Foundation design guidance.



### 3.2 Approach

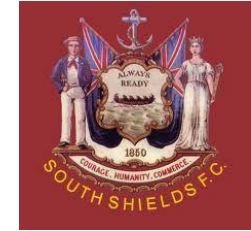
This application does not affect any existing car parking or vehicular access. There are no works to any existing trees/mature landscaping features.

The proposed works are intended to further enhance existing sports/recreational facilities..



### 3.3 Programme

Based upon a successful planning application it is the applicant's intention to undertake the proposed development of its current sports facilities at the earliest opportunity and complete in time for the start of the new football season 2016/17 in August this year.



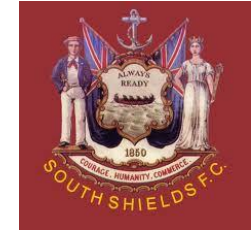
## **4.0 Proposals**

### **4.1 Use and Design Considerations**

The proposed improvements will include the following:

- A new full size floodlit artificial sports pitch (3G rubber crumb artificial grass - green) enclosed on all four sides with new compliant sports fencing (green). Some new perimeter footpaths to enable easy level access all year round surfaced in tarmac will also be included. A new concrete hardstanding for storage and access extension off the existing road/turning head for maintenance.
- Three new covered spectator terraced stands in steel construction for standing spectators
- A new male/female spectator toilet block building – fully enclosed with lockable secure doors.
- New covered turnstile housings for spectator admission on match days with associated ground enclosure fencing

Details of the proposed new floodlight columns to the new 3G artificial sports pitch are included within the submission including lux/light levels and spread.



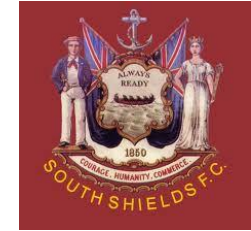
#### 4.2 Amount

New 3G artificial sports pitch measuring approx. 97m x 61m.

Proposed new single storey toilet block measuring approx. 9m x 6m

Proposed new covered spectator terraced stands (3no) each measuring approx. 25m x 3m

Please refer to drawings provided within this application for further details/information.



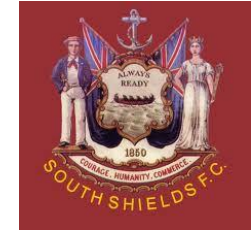
### 4.3 Layout

Please refer to the enclosed architectural and specialist sports layout drawings – existing and proposed.



#### 4.4 Scale

Please refer to the enclosed drawings within the submission.

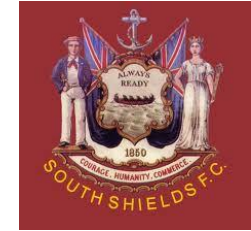


#### 4.5 Landscaping

There are no significant soft landscaping works proposed – only making good of adjacent affected areas during construction.

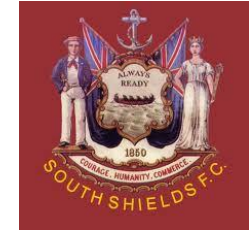
New tarmacdum pathways as shown within the application information/drawings.





#### 4.6 Appearance

Please refer to the drawings/information included within this application regarding external facing materials, landscaping and structures.

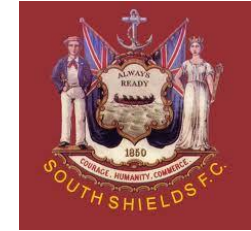


## **5.0 Access**

### **5.1 Legislation**

The following have and will inform the design/project to completion:

- Building Regulations including Part M (Access To and Use Of Buildings)
- The Disability Discrimination Act
- BS 8300 (Guidance on good practice in the design of buildings and their approaches for their convenient use by disabled people)
- Sport England Design Guidance
- Football Foundation Design Guidance
- Green Guide to Safety at Sports Grounds



## 5.2 Inclusive Access

The site provides accessible car parking in close proximity to the football ground and is also within close proximity to the city's local transport network.

The proposed outdoor sports pitch and spectator areas will be accessible.

