

Horden Social Welfare Centre
Seventh Street
Horden
County Durham
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26 September 2025

Dear Member

You are hereby summoned to attend the Meeting of Horden Parish Council (meeting in their capacity as the Trustee of Horden Recreation Ground) to be held in Horden Social Welfare Centre, Seventh Street, Horden on Thursday 2nd October 2025 immediately following the Meeting of Horden Parish Council for the purposes of transacting the following business:

HORDEN RECREATION GROUND
ORDER OF BUSINESS
Meeting to be held 2nd October 2025

- 1 **Apologies for Absence** – to consider for approval.
- 2 **Declarations of Interest in items on the agenda.**
- 3 **Minutes of the Meeting held 4th September 2025 (enclosed)** – to consider for approval.
- 4 **Public Participation** – to receive any representations or questions from the public in accordance with standing orders 3 e-g. ***Members of the Public are invited to address the Committee on matters relating to the agenda for up to 3 minutes per person during a period not exceeding 20 minutes.***
- 5 **Register of Delegated Decisions (enclosed)** – to note no decisions since the last report.
- 6 **South Terrace Wall Update** – to consider any verbal update following contract meeting on Monday 29th September.
- 7 **Invoices for endorsement for payment (enclosed)** – to approve payment.
- 8 **Horden Cricket Club** – to consider request.
- 9 **Horden Community Welfare Football Club** – to consider report.
- 10 **Exclusion of Press and Public.** In accordance with Section 1 (2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act, 1960, the Council is requested to **RESOLVE** to exclude the press and public from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that it involves information prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the personal and confidential nature of the business to be transacted.
- 11 **Big Foot Studios** – to receive a verbal update.
- 12 **Requests for Events in Welfare Park** – to receive a verbal update.



Samantha Shippen
Clerk to the Council
26th September 2025

To: The Trustee of Horden Recreation Ground/cc Public Notice

HORDEN RECREATION GROUND COMMITTEE
Minutes of Meeting held 4 September 2025

Present: Councillor T Baldesera (Vice Chairman)
 Councillors C Armstrong, E Laing, R Bagnall, C Cain, F Leadbitter, W Morrow, C Robson, D Tait,
 T Usher and J Ward.

Staff: Mrs S Shippen (Clerk to the Council), Mr C Jackson (Deputy Clerk).

HRG 25/26/041 **Apologies for Absence.**
RESOLVED: Apologies **APPROVED** for D Bellingham, G Wetherell, L Williams and F Winrow.

HRG 25/26/042 **Declarations of Interest in items on the agenda.**
 No declarations of interest were made.

HRG 25/26/043 **Minutes of Meetings held 3 July 2025.**
RESOLVED: The Minutes be confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

HRG 25/26/044 **Public Participation.**
 No members of the public were present.

HRG 25/26/045 **Register of Delegated Decisions.**
 No delegated decisions have been made.

HRG 25/26/046 **Outdoor Team Manager Report.**
RESOLVED: Trustee **NOTE** the report.

HRG 25/26/047 **South Terrace Wall update.**
RESOLVED: Trustee **NOTE** the verbal report, and approve the signage stating 'Horden Welfare Park 1929' using polished stainless steel and **APPROVE** the additional costs for the car park, £10,000 to come from Ear Marked Reserves.

HRG 25/26/048 **Horden Recreation Ground Financial Bank Balances as at 30/06/2025.**
RESOLVED: Trustee **NOTE** the balance of £6,994.64.

HRG 25/26/049 **Finance Report.**
RESOLVED: Trustee **NOTE** the report.

HRG 25/26/050 **Invoices for endorsement for payment.**
RESOLVED: Trustee **APPROVE** payment of the schedule of invoices totalling £41,979.39

Meeting Concluded at 8:00pm

Horden Recreation Ground Invoices for Payment - August 2025

SUPPLIER	DATE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	Pay Ref:
Aitkens Sportsturf Ltd	30/07/2025	Marking Paint and Weedkiller	£586.80	100570
FBS North East	05.09.25	South Terrace Wall Payment 2	£35,987.44	BACS
Origin Amenity Solutions	06.08.25	Topdressing, grass seed	£3,446.00	100571
Rickerby Ltd	31.08.25	Conveyor Belt for SISIS	£193.07	100572
Screwfix	15/08/2025	Sledgehammer	£26.99	100573
Screwfix	14/08/2025	2 Stroke Engine Oil	£19.99	100573
Select Telecom	31/07/2025	Fibre Broadband Aug 25	£47.40	D/D
Shoreline Fire Compliance Ltd	06/08/2025	Call out to remove call point	£80.00	100574
SSE	13/08/2025	Works Building Electricity 01/07-31/07/25 (Recharge £134.36 to Heritage Tea Rooms)	£198.10	D/D
SSE	13/08/2025	Welfare Ground Electricity 01/07-31/07/25	£122.77	D/D
SSE	13/08/2025	Welfare Ground Electricity 01/07-31/07/25 (fully recharged to HCWFC)	£384.07	D/D
SSE	13/08/2025	Cricket Pavilion Electricity 01/07-31/07/25 (fully recharged to Cricket Club)	£42.63	D/D
SSE	13/08/2025	No Floodlights Electricity 01/07-31/07/25 (fully recharged to HCWFC)	£30.86	D/D
Veolia	31/07/2025	Trade Waste July 25	£312.48	D/D
Veolia	30/06/2025	Trade Waste June 25	£312.48	D/D
WEX	18/08/2025	Equipment Fuel	£80.40	D/D
WEX	04.08.25	Equipment Fuel	£107.89	D/D
OTHER PAYMENTS				
		Horden Recreation Ground AUGUST 2025 TOTAL	£41,979.37	

Horden Recreation Ground Invoices for Payment -September2025

SUPPLIER	DATE	DESCRIPTION	AMOUNT	Pay Ref:
Geo Robinson & Son	31/08/2025	Maintenance materials	£82.91	
Origin Amenity Solutions	05/09/2025	Top Dressing and Fertilizer	£337.20	
Select Telecom	31/08/2025	Fibre Broadband September 25	£47.40	D/D
SSE	13/09/2025	Floodlights Electricity August 25 (fully recharge to HCWFC)	£41.41	D/D
SSE	13/09/2025	Cricket Pavilion August 25 (fully recharge to Cricket Club)	£42.63	D/D
SSE	08/09/2025	Welfare Ground Electricity August 25 (fully recharge HCWFC)	£460.46	D/D
SSE	13/09/2025	Works Building Electricity August 25 (recharge £116.36 to Heritage Tea Rooms)	£198.10	D/D
Veolia	31/08/2025	Trade Waste August 25	£249.98	D/D
Wex	01/09/2025	Equipment Fuel	£108.97	D/D
Wex	15/09/2025	Equipment Fuel	£107.95	D/D
OTHER PAYMENTS				
		Horden Recreation Ground September 2025 TOTAL	£1,677.01	

HORDEN RECREATION GROUND

Horden Cricket Club

1. Background

- 1.1 Horden Cricket Club attended the Trustee meeting on 5th September 2024 to request support for new all weather practice facility within the existing site.
- 1.2 The Trustee and Cricket Club submitted a pre planning application to Durham County Council.
- 1.3 The Pre-planning advice has been received (attached) and has recommendations for the application to be successful, many of which can be easily provided.
- 1.4 One of the recommendations is for a Biodiversity Net Gain Plan and Biodiversity Management and Monitoring Plan.
- 1.5 Horden Cricket Club have sourced a quote for this plan to the sum of £1,470 and have requested the Trustee to consider a contribution to the cost of the plan.

2. Recommendation

The Trustee is recommended to consider the request from Horden Cricket Club for the cost of the plan of up to £1,470 from Professional Fees.

Colin Jackson
Deputy Clerk
September 2025

Full Pre-Application Advice Report

PREAPP/25/01515

Install non-turf cricket practice facility with enclosure.

Horden Cricket Social Club Park Road Horden Peterlee
SR8 4PE

Report by Lisa Morina / 03000 264877 / planning@durham.gov.uk

9 September 2025

We have carefully considered the proposals in line with the Council's policy on **full** pre-application advice and in doing so sought the advice of relevant internal and external consultees. As a result of this exercise we are now in a position to provide advice on the proposal and would comment as follows.

RELEVANT POLICY

National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)

The following parts are of particular relevance to this proposal:

NPPF Part 2 Achieving Sustainable Development - The purpose of the planning system is to contribute to the achievement of sustainable development and therefore at the heart of the NPPF is a presumption in favour of sustainable development. It defines the role of planning in achieving sustainable development under three overarching objectives - economic, social and environmental, which are interdependent and need to be pursued in mutually supportive ways. The application of the presumption in favour of sustainable development for plan-making and decision-taking is outlined.

NPPF Part 4 Decision-Making - Local planning authorities should approach decisions on proposed development in a positive and creative way. They should use the full range of planning tools available, including brownfield registers and permission in principle, and work proactively with applicants to secure developments that will improve the economic, social and environmental conditions of the area. Decision-makers at every level should seek to approve applications for sustainable development where possible.

NPPF Part 8 Promoting Healthy and Safe Communities - The planning system can play an important role in facilitating social interaction and creating healthy, inclusive communities. Developments should be safe and accessible; Local Planning Authorities should plan positively for the provision and use of shared space and community facilities. An integrated approach to considering the location of housing, economic uses and services should be adopted.

NPPF Part 9 Promoting Sustainable Transport - Encouragement should be given to solutions which support reductions in greenhouse gas emissions and reduce congestion. Developments that generate significant movement should be located where the need to travel will be minimised and the use of sustainable transport modes maximised.

NPPF Part 12 Achieving Well-Designed Places - The Government attaches great importance to the design of the built environment, with good design a key aspect of sustainable development, indivisible from good planning.

NPPF Part 15 Conserving and Enhancing the Natural Environment - Conserving and enhancing the natural environment. The Planning System should contribute to and enhance the natural and local environment by protecting and enhancing valued landscapes, geological conservation interests, recognising the wider benefits of ecosystems, minimising the impacts on biodiversity, preventing both new and existing development from contributing to or being put at unacceptable risk from pollution and land stability and remediating contaminated or other degraded land where appropriate.

County Durham Plan

Policy 06 - Development on Unallocated Sites

Policy 21 - Delivering Sustainable Transport

Policy 26 - Green Infrastructure

Policy 29 - Sustainable Design

Policy 31 - Amenity and Pollution

Policy 32 - Despoiled, Degraded, Derelict, Contaminated and Unstable Land

Policy 41 - Biodiversity and Geodiversity

Policy 42 - Internationally Designated Sites

Policy 43 - Protected Species and Nationally and Locally Protected Sites

Neighbourhood Plan

The application site is not located within an area where there is a Neighbourhood Plan to which regard is to be had.

RELEVANT SITE HISTORY

A search of the Council's planning register reveals the following entries which would be relevant to any future planning application:

5/PLAN/2007/0560 Upgrade patio area Approved 28th September 2007

DETAILED ISSUES

A formal application for planning permission will be required for the works proposed.

Having regard to the aforementioned planning policy context and relevant planning history we can advise that the following issues would be relevant in the event of you proceeding to submit a planning application:

Principle of the Development

The National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) sets out the Governments overarching objectives for the planning system, promoting sustainable development as a key objective. It is noted that the NPPF does not change the statutory status of the development plan as the starting point for decision making, constituting guidance for Local Planning Authorities and decision-makers both in drawing up plans and as a material consideration in determining applications.

This application proposes cricket facilities in the form of a practice facility which is proposed to be located to the north eastern part of the site. The cricket ground is established at the site and appears to have been for some time.

NPPF Paragraph 96 advises that planning decisions should enable and support healthy lifestyles, especially where this would address identified local health and well-being needs - for example through the provision of safe and accessible green infrastructure, sports facilities, local shops, access to healthier food, allotments and layouts that encourage walking and cycling.

Paragraph 104 of the NPPF advises that existing open space, sports and recreational buildings and land, including playing fields, should not be built on unless:

- a) an assessment has been undertaken which has clearly shown the open space, buildings or land to be surplus to requirements; or
- b) the loss resulting from the proposed development would be replaced by equivalent or better provision in terms of quantity and quality in a suitable location; or
- c) the development is for alternative sports and recreational provision, the benefits of which clearly outweigh the loss of the current or former use.

In line with this, Policy 26 of the County Durham Plan (CDP) states that development proposals will not be permitted that would result in the loss of open space or harm to green infrastructure assets unless the benefits of the development clearly outweigh that loss or harm and an assessment has been undertaken which has clearly shown the open space or land to be surplus to requirements.

The site is designated as open space in the Council's Open Space Needs Assessment 2018 as an outdoor sport pitch and it is not viewed that the proposal will detract from main sporting use of the site and will help in respect of providing additional facilities. Additionally no objection is raised from Sport England in respect of the loss of the pitch given it is considered to meet exception 2 of Sport England's playing fields policy, in that the proposed development is for ancillary facilities supporting the principal use of the site as a playing field, and does not affect the quantity or quality of playing pitches or otherwise adversely affect their use.'

Sport England has also confirmed that the ECB has advised that the orientation of the nets is in compliance with the guidance on their siting. The ECB have also recommended (but can't insist) that the applicant seeks installation of an ECB approved system from an ECB approved supplier.

Therefore, as the proposal would not result in the loss of harm to open space the principle of the proposal is considered to be acceptable, according with CDP Policy 26.

The application site is located within the settlement of Horden, as such Policy 6 is also considered of relevance. Policy 6 of the CDP states that the development of sites which are not allocated in the Plan or in a Neighbourhood Plan which are within the built-up area will be permitted provided the proposal accords with all relevant development plan policies and:

- a) is compatible with, and is not prejudicial to, any existing, allocated or permitted use of adjacent land;

- b) does not contribute to coalescence with neighbouring settlements, would not result in ribbon development, or inappropriate backland development;
- c) does not result in the loss of open land that has recreational, ecological or heritage value, or contributes to the character of the locality which cannot be adequately mitigated or compensated for;
- d) is appropriate in terms of scale, design, layout, and location to the character, function, form and setting of, the settlement;
- e) will not be prejudicial to highway safety or have a severe residual cumulative impact on network capacity;
- f) has good access by sustainable modes of transport to relevant services and facilities and reflects the size of the settlement and the level of service provision within that settlement;
- g) does not result in the loss of a settlement's or neighbourhood's valued facilities or services unless it has been demonstrated that they are no longer viable;
- h) minimises vulnerability and provides resilience to impacts arising from climate change, including but not limited to, flooding;
- i) where relevant, makes as much use as possible of previously developed (brownfield) land; and
- j) where appropriate, it reflects priorities for urban regeneration.

In determining whether a site is appropriate for new development, the relationship with adjacent buildings and the surrounding area will be taken into account along with the current use of the site and the compatibility of the proposal with neighbouring uses. Given the site is currently the location for the existing Cricket Ground and would aim to improve facilities on the site, the proposal is considered to be compliant in principle with Policy 6 subject to full consideration of the following issues.

Design and Visual Impact

Part 12 of the NPPF seeks to ensure good design in new development which should be in keeping with the character and appearance of the surrounding area.

Policy 29 (Sustainable Design) of the CDP seeks to ensure that all development proposals will achieve well designed buildings and places having regard to supplementary planning documents and other local guidance documents where relevant, and contribute positively to an area's character, identity, heritage significance, townscape and landscape features, helping to create and reinforce locally distinctive and sustainable communities; create buildings and spaces that are adaptable to changing social, technological, economic and environmental conditions.

The proposed training facility is considered to be an appropriate addition and is typical of this type of extension, it has been set within the corner of the site and is considered acceptable in terms of its design.

As such there would appear to be no objection to the proposal from a design perspective and the proposal would appear to satisfy the provisions of Part 12 of the NPPF and Policy 29 of the CDP.

Impact on amenity

Paragraph 185 of the NPPF specifies that planning decisions should ensure that new development is appropriate for its location taking into account the likely effects (including cumulative effects) of pollution on health, living conditions and the natural environment, as well as the potential sensitivity of the site or the wider area to impacts that could arise from the development.

Policy 29 (Sustainable Design) of the CDP seeks to secure high standards of amenity and privacy and minimise the impact of development upon the occupants of existing, adjacent and nearby properties.

Policy 31 (Amenity and Pollution) of the CDP, amongst others, states that development will be permitted where it can be demonstrated that there will be no unacceptable impact, either individually or cumulatively, on health, living or working conditions or the natural environment and that can be integrated effectively with any existing business and community facilities.

Separation distances well in excess of 21m will remain between existing other buildings surrounding the site as such it is not considered that any overlooking, overshadowing or loss of light would occur.

In respect of noise and disturbance, it is assumed that the operating hours of the site would not increase as a result of the proposal and that the development would be ran within the existing parameters of the current operational use of the cricket club. As such, it would appear that there wouldn't be any additional increase in terms of noise and disturbance. Should this not be the case, further information would be required to be submitted as part of any potential future application. It also assumed no additional lighting would be required however this should also be confirmed and details provided if required.

Ecology

Policy 41 (Biodiversity and Geodiversity) restricts development that would result in significant harm to biodiversity or geodiversity and cannot be mitigated or compensated. The retention and enhancement of existing biodiversity assets and features is required as are biodiversity net gains (BNG). Proposals must protect geological features, have regard to Geodiversity Action Plans and the Durham Geodiversity Audit and where appropriate promote public access, appreciation and interpretation of geodiversity. Development proposals where the primary objective is to conserve or enhance biodiversity or geodiversity will be permitted if they comply with other local plan policy. Development proposals which are likely to result in the loss of deterioration of irreplaceable habitats will not be permitted unless there are wholly exceptional reasons and a suitable compensation strategy exists.

Policy 43 (Protected Species and Nationally and Locally Protected Sites) development proposals that would adversely impact upon nationally protected sites will only be permitted where the benefits clearly outweigh the impacts whilst adverse impacts upon locally designated sites will only be permitted where the benefits outweigh the adverse impacts. Appropriate mitigation or, as a last resort, compensation must be provided where adverse impacts are expected. In relation to protected species and their habitats, all development likely to have an adverse impact on the species' abilities to survive and

maintain their distribution will not be permitted unless appropriate mitigation is provided or the proposal meets licensing criteria in relation to European protected species.

This application will fall within the scope of Biodiversity Net Gain Requirements and we will require a draft BNG Plan which must be provided outlining how the Biodiversity Gain Objective will be met. This must be prepared in accordance with the British Standard BS8683. The LPA will also require the Statutory Biodiversity Metric Calculator (or small sites metric where applicable) to be used to demonstrate if the development meets net gain requirements as per para 180 (d) of the NPPF, planning policy and Biodiversity Net Gain Legislation. Ideally net gains should be achieved on site.

In addition, there is a line of trees along the eastern side of the red line boundary, although direct impacts on the trees seem unlikely it would be worth while checking for potential bat roosts as there could be potential for disturbance impacts. The Council's Ecologist has confirmed they may be able to undertake a risk assessment for bats if you wish to send some pictures of the trees.

Trees

Policy 40 (Trees, Woodlands and Hedges) of the County Durham Plan states that proposals for new development will not be permitted that would result in the loss of, or damage to, trees, hedges or woodland of high landscape, amenity or biodiversity value unless the benefits of the scheme clearly outweigh the harm. Proposals for new development will be expected to retain existing trees and hedges or provide suitable replacement planting. The loss or deterioration of ancient woodland will require wholly exceptional reasons and appropriate compensation.

As noted, there are some trees on the perimeter of the site and as such, any application should be accompanied by a tree protection plan which should detail how works would be kept away from the trees in question. This would normally involves a some type of Heras fencing being erected to protect the trees and ensure that they would not be affected during works being carried out.

VALIDATION REQUIREMENTS

The Council's Validation check list can be viewed on line at:
<http://www.durham.gov.uk/article/8293/Submit-an-application>

We have considered your proposals against this document and can advise that the following documentation would be required to make an application valid:

- Application Form
- Location Plan
- Ownership Certificates & Agricultural Declaration
- The Appropriate Fee
- Existing and Proposed Site Layout Plans
- Specification Details of the cage/surface
- Tree Protection Plan
- Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) Plan and Biodiversity Management and Monitoring Plan (inc. Habitat Baseline Plan, BNG Strategy, Draft Proposed Habitats Plan and relevant metric and Draft Habitat Management and Monitoring Plan (HMMP))

Please note this Council is committed to adopting a pragmatic approach to the complex issue of validation and as such we will always look to take a proportionate approach to validation requirements. The above advice has been provided on this basis.

The planning application fee would be based on the floor area of the structure being £2,352 (based on £588 per every 75sqm of part thereof). If submitted by the Parish Council

OFFICER ASSESSMENT AND NEXT STEPS

Having regard to the above we would foresee no objections to your proposals on the basis of the information submitted to date and would invite you to proceed to submit a planning application. The application can be made on line through the Planning Portal at: <https://www.planningportal.co.uk/>

From: adam.dixon

Sent: 23 September 2025 09:28

To: Deputy - Horden Parish Council <deputy@horden-pc.gov.uk>

Cc:

Subject: RE: Horden Cricket Social Club - PREAPP/25/01515

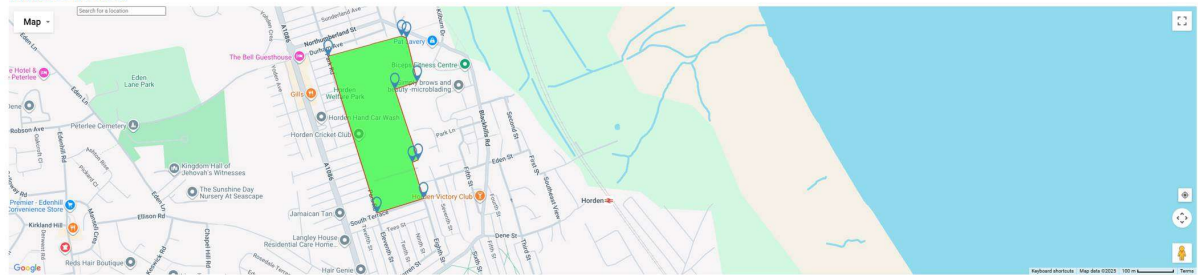
Hi Colin,

As discussed ive spoken to a local organisation around the BNG assessment and have attached the quote ive received from them. As you mentioned can we put it on the agenda for the next council meeting to enquire about financial support?

Area Calculator

The Area Calculator lets you measure the area of any location by drawing directly on an interactive map. Click to place points around the boundary of your chosen region, and the tool will calculate the enclosed area instantly in square meters, square kilometers, acres, hectares, and square feet. It's ideal for estimating the size of land parcels, fields, or other irregular shapes. The tool also shows the perimeter of the area and offers options to customize markers and fill colours. You can save or export your results for reference, making it a practical tool for many uses.

Measure an Area



Area Output

78855.575 m² 0.079 km² 19.493 Acres 7.889 Hectares 949117.261 Feet²

Regards

Adam



TrueNorth Ecology Ltd
Unit 14 Witney Way
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Boldon
Tyne & Wear
NE35 9PE

Adam Dixon
By email: addy.dixon@googlemail.com

Date: 22/09/2025
Expiry: 22/10/2025
Quote Number: 2025-073
Reference: Horden Cricket

Thank you for inviting TrueNorth Ecology Ltd to quote for your project, please see a brief outline of the scope of works below, if you require further details please get in touch.

Scope of Works:

To satisfy the LPA requirements, TrueNorth Ecology Ltd proposes to undertake a UKHab Survey of the areas proposed for development (Item 1). This will inform the Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG) assessment (Item 2), and a report will be produced to determine BNG impact from the development. Cost includes advice on landscape requirements to offset any BNG deficit.

County Durham Council require a draft Habitat Management and Monitoring Plan (HMMP) (Item 3) at validation stage. Therefore, a cost has been included for this item. A HMMP will be drafted to detail how to maintain the proposed and retained habitats, responsibility of the applicant and any management companies and monitoring visits over 30 years.

Cost are provided overleaf and exclude VAT

Item	Timing	Cost	Expenses
Item 1 – UKHab Survey	Within 3 weeks of commission	£260	£35
Item 2 – BNG calculations and report	Within 3 weeks of site visit.	£575	N/A
Item 3 - HMMP	Within 3-4 weeks of site visit.	£600	N/A
Item Total (excluding VAT)		£1,470	

The fees allow for one round of client comments.

Invoicing and Assumptions:

- Our invoices would be sent on the completion of each stage, TrueNorth Ecology currently charges VAT at standard rate. Works beyond the above scope would be quoted for separately prior to undertaking.
- Final version of the report would not be issued until payment of the final invoice.
- Payment Terms are within 10 days of invoice date.
- If, for whatever reason, the project was to be stopped/cancelled at any stage, then only fees up to and including the current works stage will be due for payment.
- Safe site access is provided by the client.
- Any health and safety risks associated with the site must be confirmed prior to survey.

Yours sincerely

Caroline Airson MCIEEM
Director

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HORDEN RECREATION GROUND

COVERED STANDING CANOPY

1. Background

- 1.1 The Trustee has been aware SINCE April 2023 that a covered standing area was required by HCWFC due to the pyramid level at which they play.
- 1.2 In June 2023, the Trustee agreed to advance fund a covered standing canopy, subject to HCWFC agreeing a repayment plan as the Trustee did not have the funds to financially contribute.
- 1.3 In July 2023, the Trustee agreed to submit Pre-Planning and any required subsequent Planning Application be submitted by Horden Parish Council as landowner. Planning consent was not required, although Building Control was. Building Control was granted in August 2025 subject to inspections.
- 1.4 The Clerk to the Council has worked with representatives of HCWFC to submit an application for a grant through the Premier League Stadium Fund for 70% of the project costs.
- 1.5 A supporting letter was attached to the application advising that Horden Parish Council in its role as Trustee would match fund the additional 30% of £7,098. This includes VAT which should be reclaimable by the Trustee, we await confirmation of the VAT treatment within the application.
- 1.6 The purpose of this report is to seek approval from the meeting for this action in line with previous decisions.
- 1.7 The Trustee would need to request financial support from Horden Parish Council in order to progress this project further and consideration should be given to whether repayment from HCWFC is still required and if so, at what timescale.

2. Recommendation - Trustee is recommended to approve

1. the actions taken by the Clerk to the Council in respect of the funding application;
2. the contribution of up to £7,098 and details of whether repayment from HCWFC is still required and if so, at what timescale;
3. any request for financial support from Horden Parish Council to enable the project.

Samantha J Shippen FCG, FSLCC, CMC

Clerk to the Council

September 2025.

Horden Parish Council

Mrs Samantha Shippen FCG, FSLCC, CMC
CLERK TO THE COUNCIL

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5th September 2025

FAO FSIF

Dear Sirs

Covered Standing Canopy

I confirm that Horden Parish Council will consider financial support for the Horden Community Welfare FC and Horden Recreation Ground charity application to FSIF at its meeting to be held on 1 October 2025.

Subject to approval by FSIF, I anticipate support for 30% to be approved

Yours sincerely,



Samantha J Shippen FCG, FSLCC, CMC
Clerk to the Council