

DESIGN & ACCESS AND PLANNING STATEMENT

Proposed Development: Golf Swing Studio (Retrospective)

Site Location: East Grinstead Sports Club, Saint Hill Road, East Grinstead, West Sussex, RH19 4JU

1. Introduction

This Design and Access and Planning Statement accompanies a retrospective planning application for the retention and continued use of a Golf Swing Studio located within the grounds of East Grinstead Sports Club.

The application seeks to regularise the existing development and demonstrate that the proposal is appropriate in planning, design, and access terms, and that it complies with relevant local and national planning policy.

2. Site Description

East Grinstead Sports Club is an established multi-sport facility situated on Saint Hill Road, south of East Grinstead town centre.

The site comprises open playing fields, clubhouse facilities, car parking, and associated recreational infrastructure.

The Golf Swing Studio is located within the existing developed footprint of the sports club and is not isolated from the main cluster of built development.

3. Proposed Development (Retrospective)

The development comprises the installation and use of a Golf Swing Studio, which is a small-scale, enclosed structure used for golf training and analysis.

The studio includes indoor golf simulator equipment, swing analysis technology, and coaching space.

The scale and form are modest and consistent with ancillary sports facilities.

4. Planning Context

The proposal represents a minor ancillary development to an existing sports and leisure facility.

The use is directly related to sport and enhances the facilities available at the club.

5. Design

The structure is small, single-storey, and positioned within an existing developed area of the site.

It has a functional appearance appropriate to a sports training facility and does not detract from the character of the area.

6. Impact on Character and Appearance

The Golf Swing Studio is visually unobtrusive and consistent with existing sports-related development.

It does not adversely impact the wider landscape.

7. Residential Amenity

The proposal has no material impact on neighbouring residential amenity.

The indoor nature of the use limits noise and disturbance.

8. Highways and Access

The site benefits from established vehicular access.

The proposal generates minimal additional traffic.

9. Accessibility

The development provides inclusive access and is consistent with the wider accessible facilities of the sports club.

10. Environmental Considerations

The proposal is low impact with no significant environmental effects, including drainage or ecology.

11. Retrospective Justification

The application seeks to regularise development that is already in place and operational.

The development has demonstrated no adverse impacts and integrates well within the site.

12. Conclusion

The proposal is a modest and appropriate addition that supports sport and leisure activities.

Planning permission is respectfully sought.