

CLIENT MEETING 07 / PHILLIMORE RECREATION GROUND / SEPTEMBER 10 2021



### SITE DETAILS

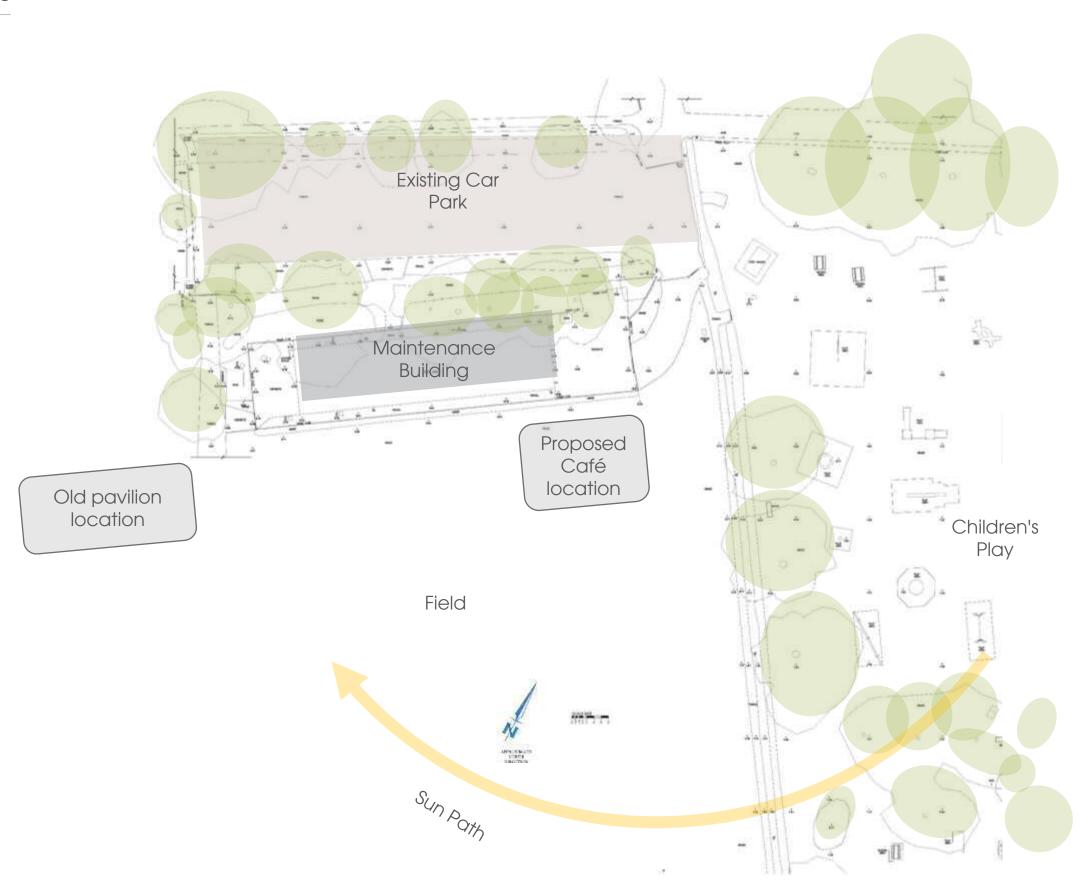
Phillimore Recreation Ground, off Gills Hill, Radlett WD7 8DA

Site Area: 0.45 hectares

Phillimore Recreation Ground is a well used local park, providing a main large field, children's playground separated by a hedgerow, outdoor gym, multi-use games area, toilets and carpark, surrounded by woodland. The area is used by families, people exercising and dog walkers amongst others, and is an important open space within the local community. The main grassed area is no longer used for formal team sports, as these have moved to an alternative site within the borough, meaning the park is more attractive to local people for use in ad-hoc sports, exercising and relaxing on the grass. In summer various community activities are held in the ground, such as a fete. In addition, a council maintenance depot is located adjacent to the car park, which is accessed daily.

The provision also includes a small mobile food trailer "Paula's Deli" which is well used, and the local council would like to enhance and enlarge this facility to provide a central café building to attract visitors.

The existing tarmac car park and paths into the site are utilitarian but could do with changes to improve user safety and provide an better functioning, more attractive entrance into the site, as well as improving access for maintenance vehicles.



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#### REASONS FOR DEVELOPMENT

The primary aims of the development are as follows:

- To improve safety of users, especially children, in the car park and in accessing the site
- To provide a more attractive, welcoming entrance to the recreation ground with gates which improve the current bottleneck whilst also allowing maintenance access
- To provide a café building which acts as a destination to attract visitors, providing shelter and food as well as being an attractive feature in the park. This has been designed with all users of the park in mind, based on the following principles:
  - Good visibility from the café to the children's playground for parental supervision
  - Indoor café seating with maximised views out across the park, in a pleasant environment
  - Outdoor seating on a terrace for warmer days
  - An access hatch for takeaway drinks and food, visibly located on main access path to attract passers-by
  - A folding partition to separate off a room for rentals – for use for children's parties, activity sessions such as yoga etc for which there is demand in the local area
  - Visitor WCs accessible from both café and function room
  - Café kitchen of suitable size for operation by a commercial firm
  - Use of sustainable materials where possible, with highly insulated building fabric and renewable energy provision through solar panels
  - Carefully considered security features for night time
  - Easy access for deliveries
- To provide a path around the perimeter of the main field of the park for use by all, including dog walkers, children's scooters, wheelchair users etc.



### LOCATION OF CAFÉ

The location of the café has been carefully considered:

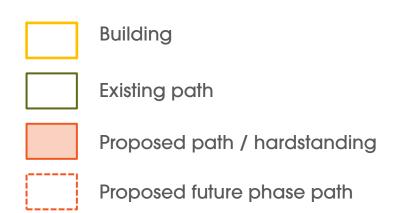
- Close proximity to car park for users with limited mobility, to attract the maximum number of visitors and to aid deliveries
- Space provided between café and entry gates to ensure there's space for queuing for the takeaway hatch
- Take away hatch located on key access route to attract maximum number of clients
- Views and direct access from café into playground for parents with children, without being sited within the playground which could limit access by other users
- Prominent position with views out across the large field
- No loss of large 'football pitch' sized grass area although this is not used as a marked football pitch as these facilities have been moved to other sites within the borough to maximise use of Phillimore Recreation Ground for all users, not just sports teams
- Low risk of flooding in this location
- Minimised service routes out towards car park



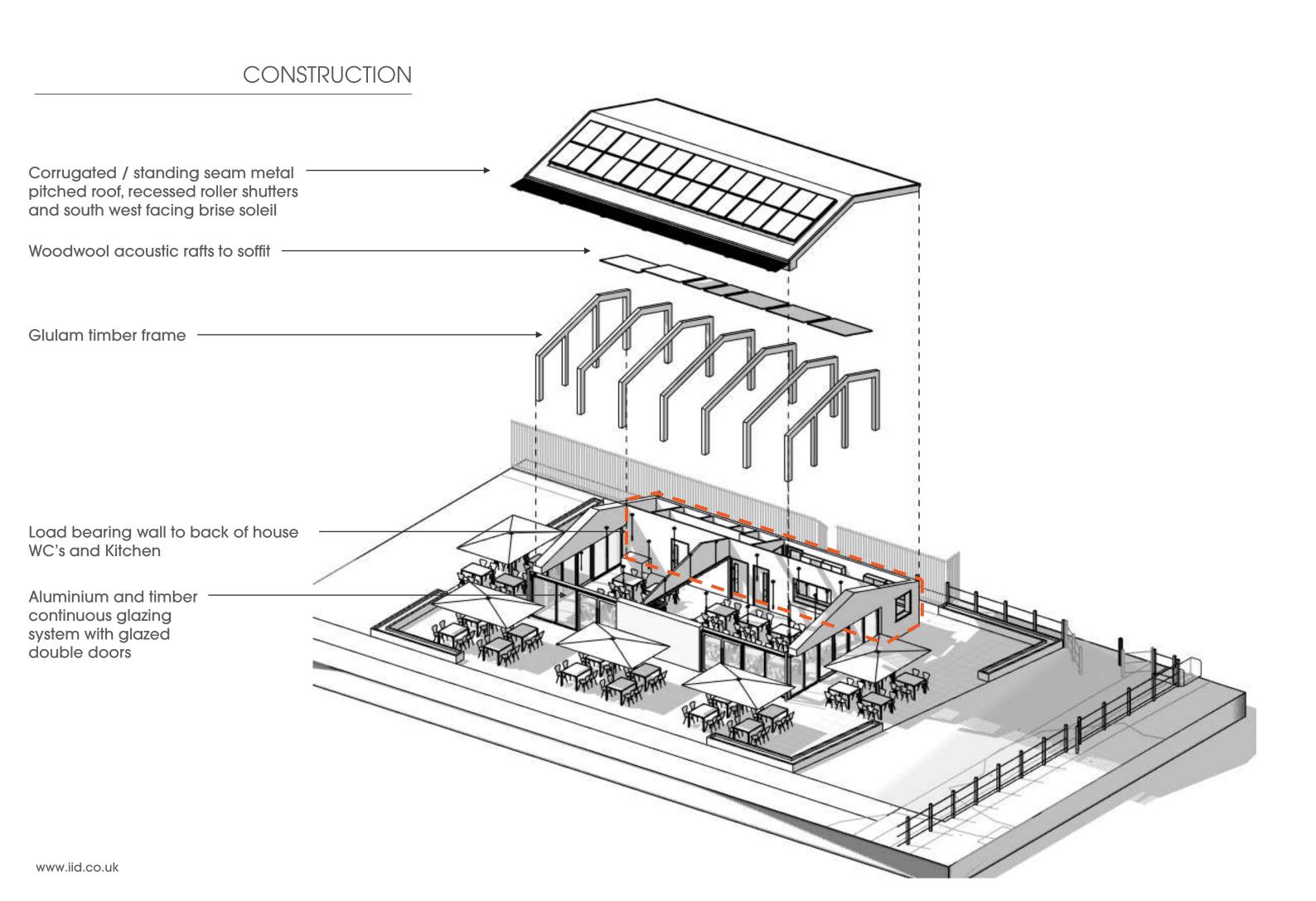
### PROPOSAL OVERVIEW

#### **SCOPE OF WORKS**

- 1. Remove trees and hedge and add new perimeter path
- 2. Move exit path onto footpath
- 3. Pedestrian crossings required
- 4. New car park gate
- 5. Proposed new maintenance gate into play area remove hedge and install fencing and new gate in similar style to existing play area fencing
- 6. New pedestrian pathway and entry zone
- 7. New pedestrian and vehicular gates
- 8. Section of hedge removed to provide views from café into play area remove hedge and install fencing and new gate in similar style to existing play area fencing
- 9. New path to join to bowls club path
- 10. New Cafe

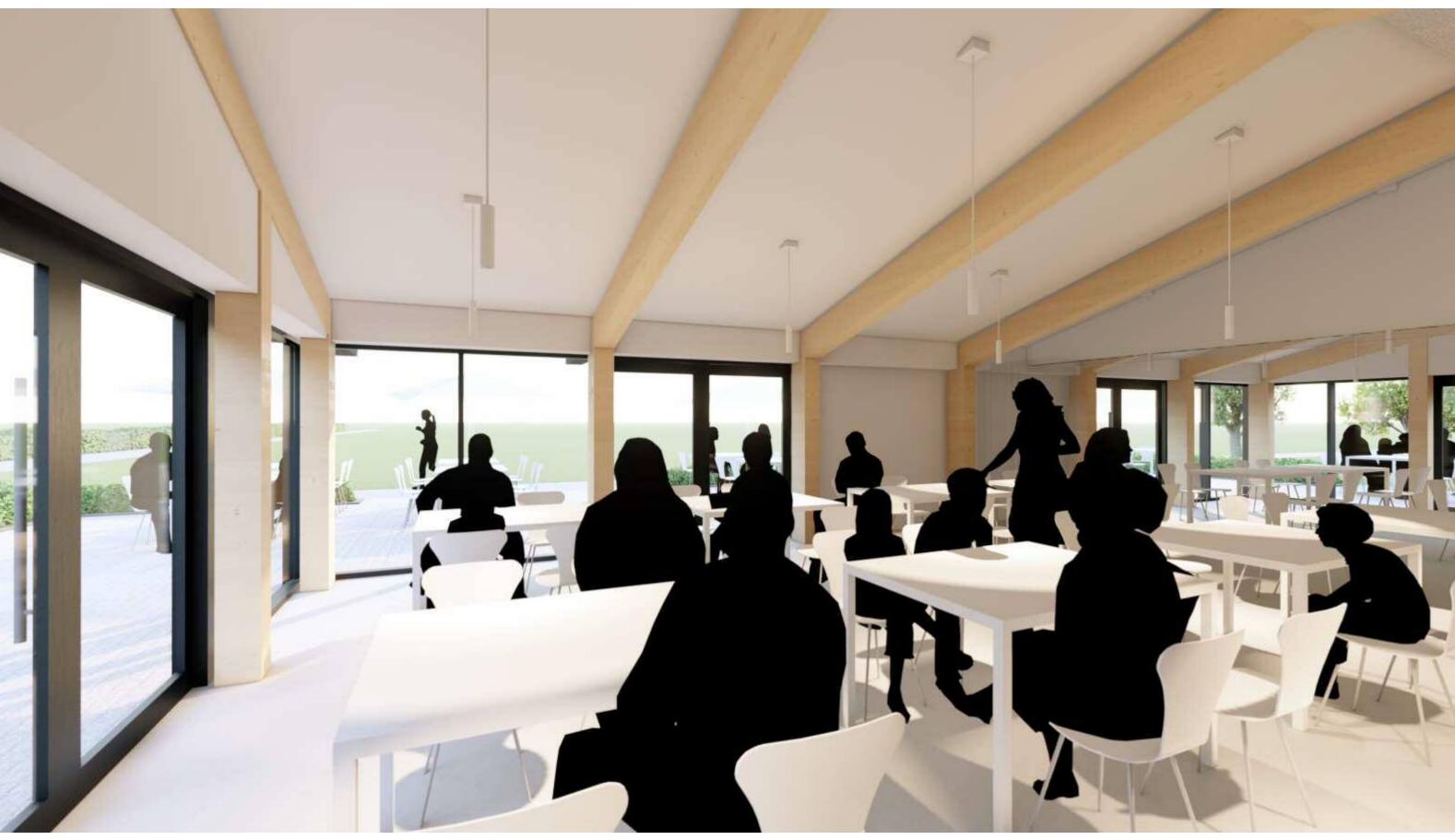






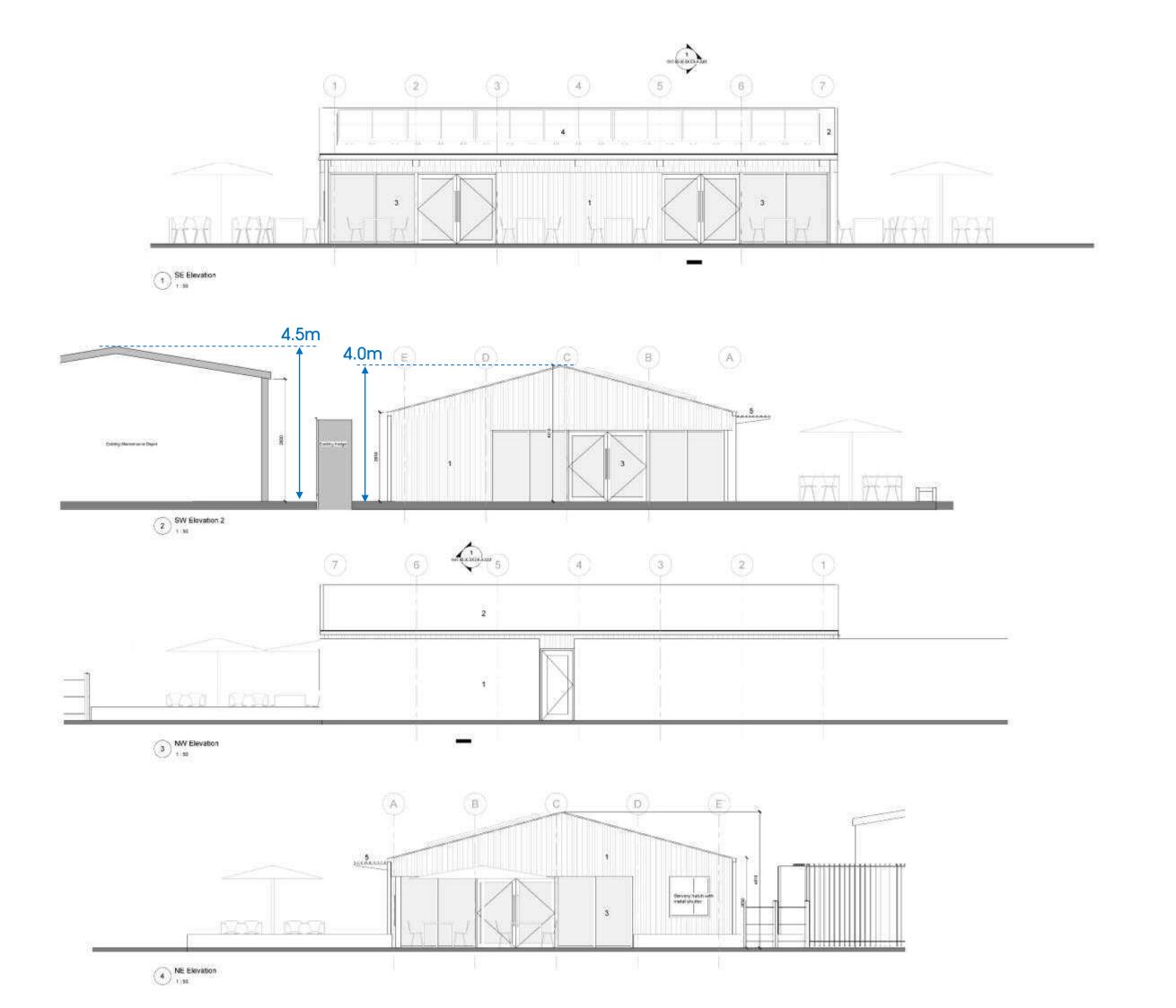






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