

Co Op Academy North Manchester – Proposed Muga & Fencing

Design, Access & Sustainability Statement

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1.0 INTRODUCTION

This Design, Access & Sustainability Statement has been written by AHR Architects to accompany a planning application for a proposed Multi Use Game Area (MUGA) at Coop Academy North Manchester.

Proposed works will be carried out to improve and upgrade the current space in the school. The proposal of the muga will ensure the upgrade of the space by creating better site conditions and improved facility for outdoor activities at school.

2.0 EVALUATION

Coop Academy is in the Blackley area of North Manchester. The building is situated adjacent to Victoria Avenue East. The school resides in a residential area with its boundary stretching from Victoria Avenue East to Hinchley and Booth Hall Close. The boundary around the entire site approximately measures – 161760m²



.The proposed site is currently occupied by an existing underused grass area and has an approximate area of 5440m², the proposed works will have an approximate footprint of 935m². The improvements required will all be done within the unused area without impacting the surrounding areas. The muga will be designed to match existing mugas in the school



FIGURE 2

The muga will be used by members of the school in the weekdays during the school hours. The academy has provisions in place for public members to use other facilities on site during out of school hours.

The proposal will upgrade a portion of the existing area with a tarmac surface, which will allow members of the academy to utilise that space during different weather conditions.

The muga is proposed to be in an area in which it was previously proposed in the academies original planning application. The surrounding area of where the muga is proposed is already in use for sports and recreational activities, given the conditions of the current climate with covid the muga will also ensure separation and distancing of students from multiple year / class groups.

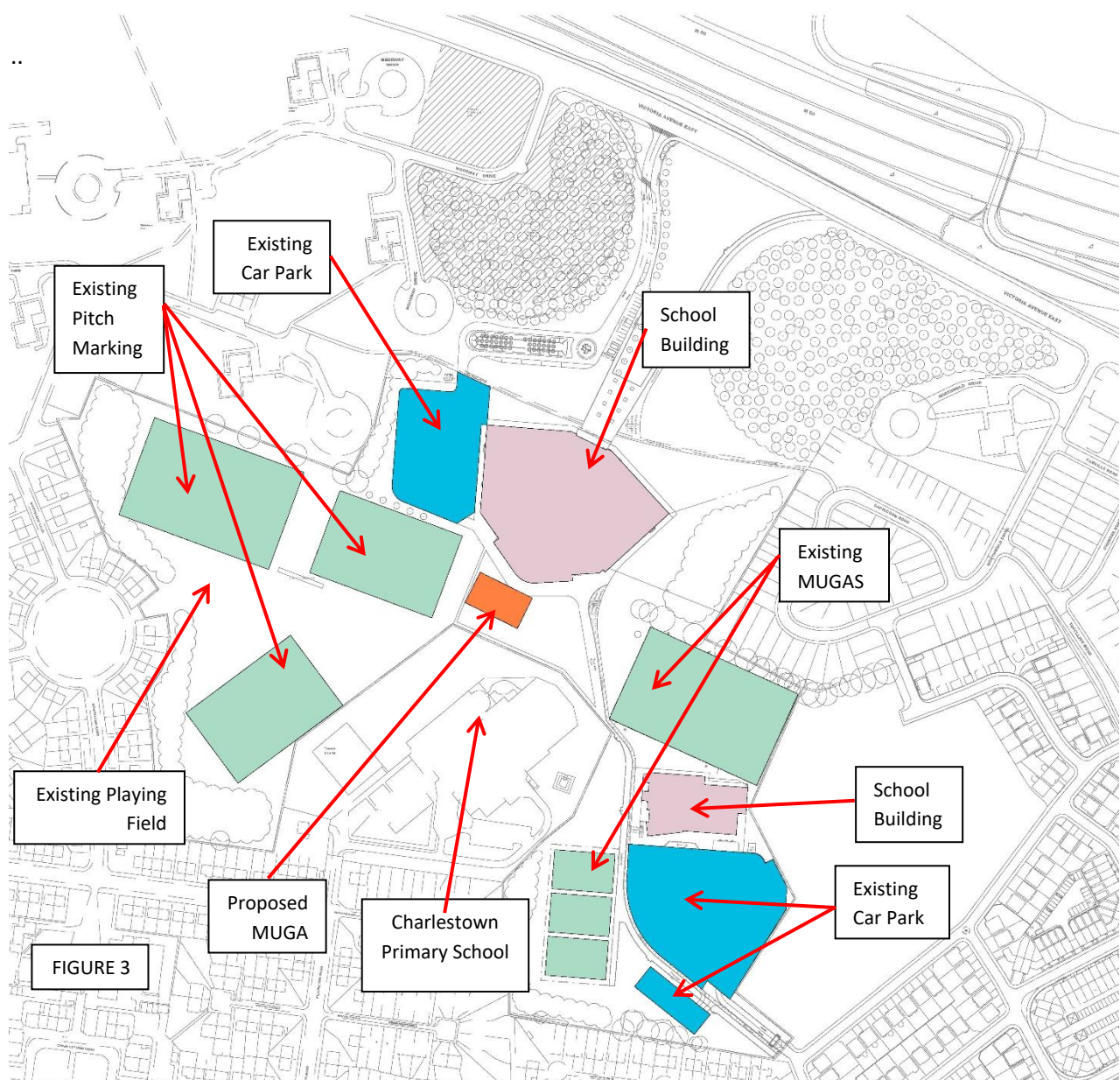
4.0 LAYOUT

The muga will replace some of the existing grass area and will sit adjacent to the school and other sports facilities which includes the playing field to the west and the existing mugas to the east. The muga also sits adjacent to Charlestown primary school, existing trees and fencing separates our site from theirs it also provides additional security.

New pedestrian paths will be constructed off existing pedestrian pathways and access points to make good of the area

The site area is level in line with its surroundings whether it's the school building, the playing field or the mugas.

As the proposed muga is intended to be used by members of the academy during school hours, the proposal will not affect existing parking arrangements.



5.0 SCALE

The Proposed Tarmac Surface playing area will be 36.6 x 21.35 m with single and Double gates

Fence height is 2.7m high to prevent balls from going out of play area and to protect individuals outside the muga.

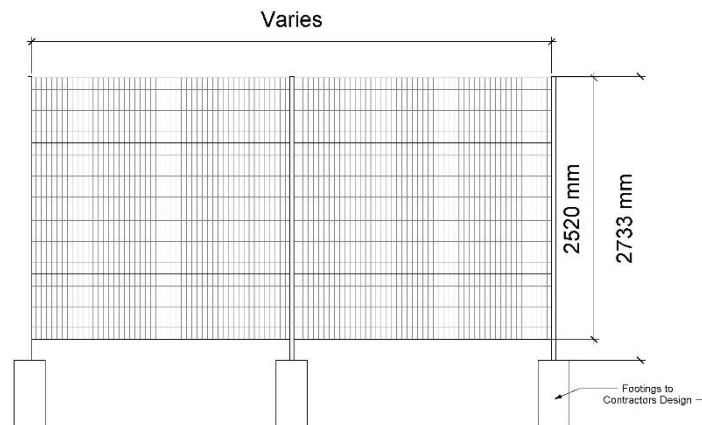


FIGURE 4

6.0 APPEARANCE

The Playing Surface will be a green tarmac macadam surface with line markings to show different sport pitches

The fencing will be colour coated RAL 6005

Colours chosen are to ensure the muga and Perimeter fence blends in with the surrounding area.



FIGURE 5



FIGURE 6

7.0 ACCESS

As mentioned previously the site will be accessed via proposed paths built off existing access and entry points. Existing level paths ensure the muga will be accessible for all people in accordance with BS8300 and Part M of the building regulations.



Figure 7

8.0 CONCLUSION

The proposal is an upgrade of what the space used to be, considering the previous characteristics of the site and current global situations, the MUGA will be of better practical use.

The muga has been designed to keep it in context of its surrounding. The space will increase amenity due to the current space arrangement not being properly useable.

