



Design and Access Statement

VIDEO ANALYSIS SUITE
MCFC ACADEMY, ALAN TURING WAY, MANCHESTER
2024/36

This Statement is to be considered with the plan and elevation drawings presented as part of a full planning application for the development at MCFC Academy.

REQUIREMENT

Proposed Video Analysis Suite with a LED jumbo screen above is required to service the analytical requirements of Manchester City Football Club's 1st Team.

Since the development of the City Football Academy (CFA) in 2014, the clubs operations have continued to evolve in line with those of other Sporting Centres of excellence. This facility will enable the club to continue to provide facilities that meet the operational needs of MCFC's 1st team.

LOCATION

Location of the site is within the Manchester City FC Academy which is adjacent the Etihad Stadium. The site comprises a number of buildings dedicated to sports provision, administrative functions and maintenance. The centre of the site is dominated by the 'first team' indoor/outdoor training facility and the academy stadium to the North West.

The existing MCFC Academy development is a new facility developed in 2014.

In addition to the buildings the site provides external floodlit sports pitches and a stadium. The site is extensively landscaped throughout.

The site is fully secured to its perimeter with a boundary fence approximately 2.4m high that has a number of access points. There is a significant private access road and pedestrian footpath network on the site providing connectivity between buildings and external sports pitches.

A bridge exists to the north-west corner of the site that extends over Alan Turing Way and connects the site to the main Etihad Campus and the Etihad Stadium.

The site is bounded on the north, east and west by public roads with a mixture of light industrial, retail



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and residential development beyond. To the south there are a number of institutional buildings that then give way to light industrial development.

AMOUNT / LAYOUT / USE

Proposed Video Analysis Suite is a simple building envelope comprising 2 spaces used for coaches' first team live training analysis. The facility has a private meeting room alongside the main area in which the analysis happens.

Proposed building is to be located to the east of the first team training facility in the centre of the academy site in the area of existing dugout. The proposed single storey building is standalone with LED jumbo screen above accessible from Pitch 3. Due to sensitive nature of the ground and all the services it bears, there is a need to marginally relocate the fence between the pitch and internal car park to allow for the video analysis suite.

Proposed building is to be located on the existing hardstanding pedestrian pathway between the flat and level pitch on the east and fenced off embankment on the west.

Video Analysis Suite is to be located in the south-east part of the existing MCFC Academy campus and it aims to benefit from the security offered by this site. The building itself is to be secured with an access control system that prevents unauthorised personnel gaining entry.

LANDSCAPING

The new building is located on an existing soft and hard landscaped verge. As per arboricultural report by Pennine Ecological, there are no trees being affected by the works and the positioning of the building itself.



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SCALE / APPEARANCE

The building is located adjacent the first team training facility within the MCFC Academy site on the side of Pitch 3 (approx. within the perimeter of existing dugout). It is planned to be used by the Club to analyse first team training and performance.

The Video Analysis Suite is a simple rectilinear form of 10m x 3m x 2.5m high externally clad in perforated aluminium sheets. It has LED jumbo screen (7.2m wide x 3.9m high) above, fixed on SHS galvanised structural frame reaching the overall height of 7m. The form is driven by the need for efficient and imminent review of the training by the players and the coaching staff.

The size and scale of the building is appropriate in relation to the existing dugout and adjacent first team training facility. LED Screen is appropriate in scale in relation to the fence situated directly behind (approximately 5m high). The new building is subservient to the training facility.

The building's scale is smaller than that of the training facility which has dictated material choices - whilst complimentary to the Academy site and the Clubs status, it does not replicate the large scale cladding systems used on the training facility itself. External perforated cladding matches recently built nearby Media Centre which is also a small structure in comparison to the main training facility. The new building is to be clad on all sides with a perforated rain screen system. The rain screen perforations are to provide an appropriately scaled pattern to the façade as well as create a distinctiveness that enables the new facility to stand as a visual element on the site in its own right.

ACCESS

The existing academy campus provides an accessible environment with extensive road and footpaths, ramps and steps designed to accessibility standards that enable unobstructed access to the various facilities. The proposed Video Analysis Suite is located to the western side of the training pitch and takes advantage of the



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existing accessible environment including the existing pedestrian network within the site on the existing tarmac strip. The building is to replace existing dugout hence an addition of the canopy and seating area is desired.

There are existing car parking areas with accessible spaces adjacent the new building.

The building entrance is directly off an existing tarmac strip. All areas of the building provide level, solid floor finishes.

The building is provided as a ancillary facility to the Central Training Academy building and takes advantage of the welfare facilities within this adjacent building.

The building's size and accommodation layout is simple in nature with only two principal rooms. Signage for wayfinding is not considered appropriate nor necessary due to the positioning of the screen above and exclusive accessibility for first team players and coaches only.

The building size requires only a single means of escape which is through the main entrance and is a level, unobstructed route.

Once within the building the facilities are designed in line with Part M of the Building Regulations and BS8300. All surfaces will provide adequate contrast and will be well lit. All areas of the building provide level, solid floor finishes.