5th March 2025

Western Esplanade Pond, Fountain And Public Toilets Western Esplanade Hove BH2024/03067

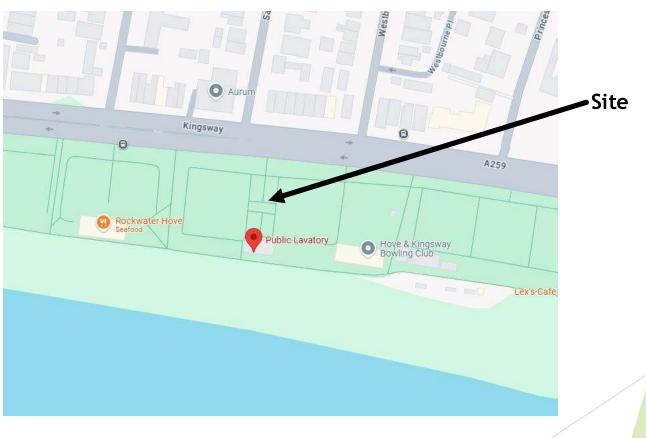


Application Description

Change of use of existing public toilets (Sui Generis) to mixed use with cafe (Use Class E), staff reception and sports office, kitchen, storage and accessible WC (Use Class F2) with alterations to fenestration and installation of photovoltaic panels. Demolition of existing detached accessible WC, erection of single storey detached community facility with additional WCs and sand sports storage (Use Class F2) and single storey detached refuse and plant store. Associated perimeter fencing and new landscape surface around water fountain.

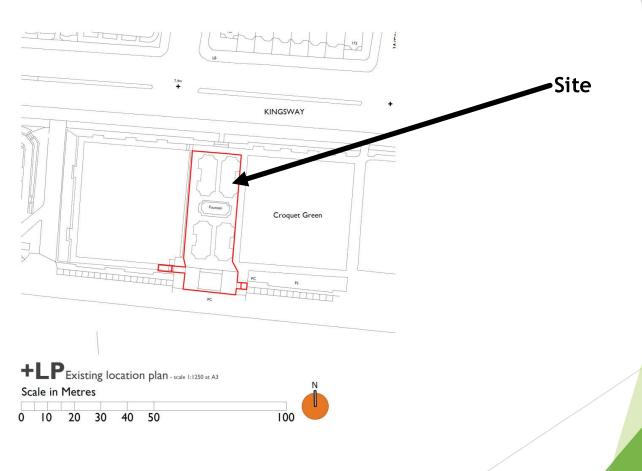


Map of Application Site





Existing Location Plan





Aerial Photo of Site

Site



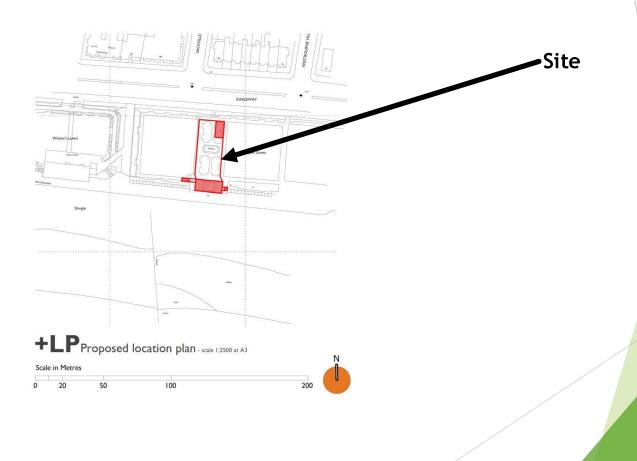


3D Aerial Photo of Site



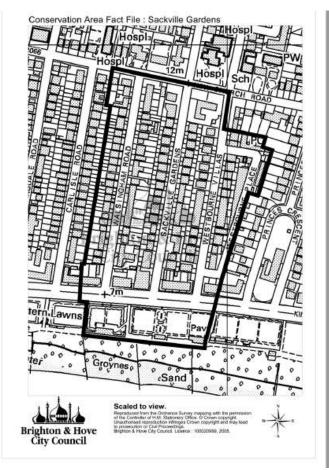


Proposed Location Plan





Conservation Area and Local Listings









Background: Kingsway-to-the-Sea/Hove Beach Park



Allowed: "Redevelopment of Hove Western Lawns as a Linear Park, incorporating refurbishment of existing and new public leisure and recreation amenities including... Sand Sports (F2)... New and replacement Hard and Soft Landscaping and Planting, including continuous new accessible and connected route throughout linking all spaces, and associated Public Realm improvements."

BH2022/02830, Approved December 2022

Existing WC Block not part of original proposals.

New public toilets and changing rooms approved within Outdoor Sports Hub.

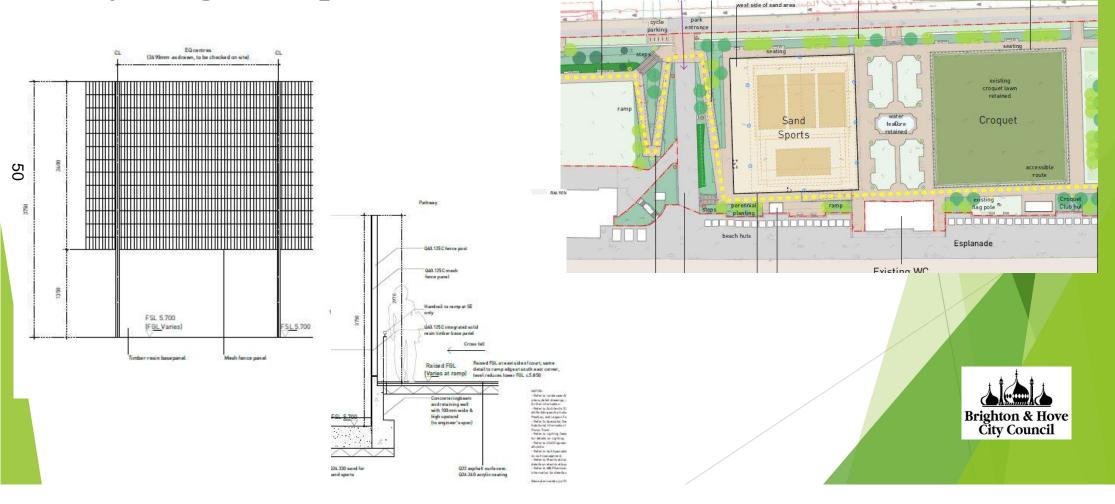








Background:BH2022/02830, Approved December 2022 Adjoining Sand Sports (Use Class F2)



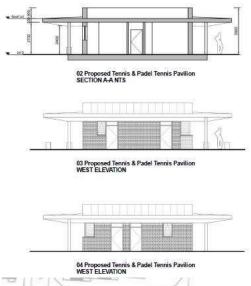
Recently Approved Detached Buildings in Vicinity

3.2 Design - Proposed Tennis & Padel Tennis Pavilion



01 PROPOSED FLOOR PLAN
Proposed Plan with a internal footprint of 45m2 and
oversailing canopy for shelter.

BH2022/02830
- Proposed
Tennis Court
Pavilion





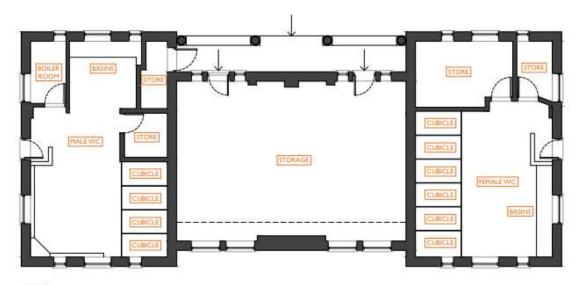
BH2023/01476|Erection of a single storey Croquet Club hut.

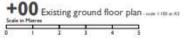






Existing Public Toilet (Bowls Pavilion) Floorplan

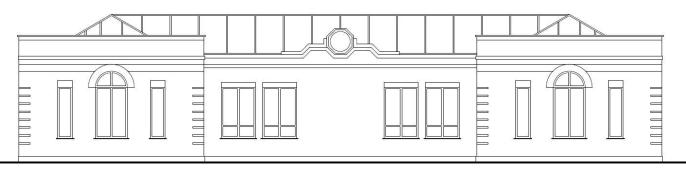




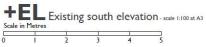


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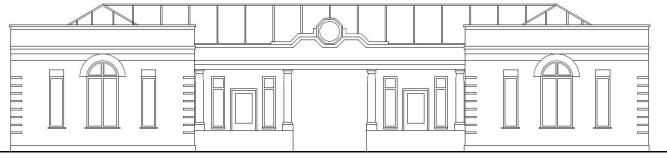


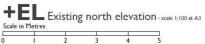




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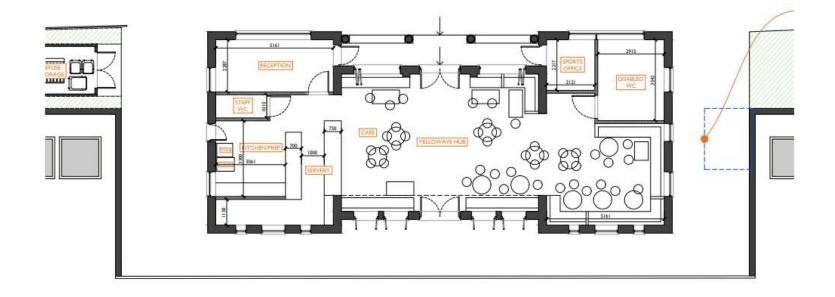


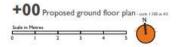






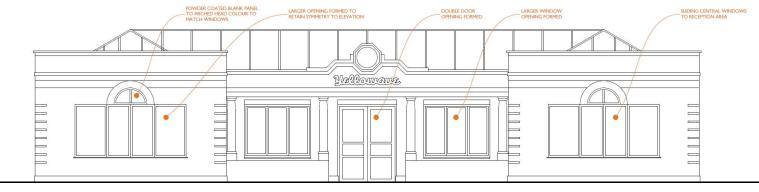
Proposed Floorplan

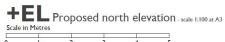


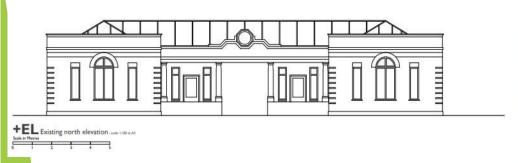




Proposed North Elevation







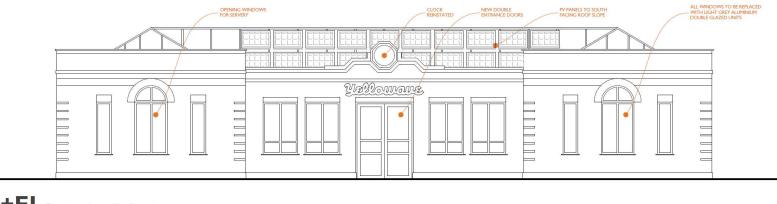


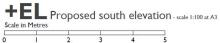


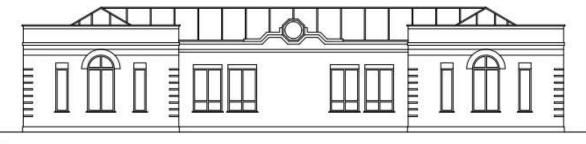




Proposed South Elevation











Proposed Site Plan





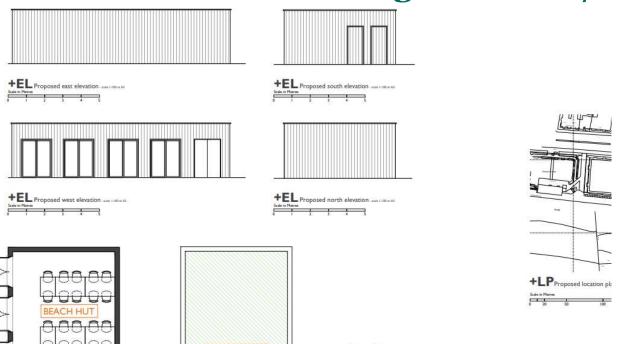
Streetscene Visual





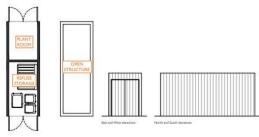


Proposed 'Beach Hut' Building and Plant/Refuse Storage





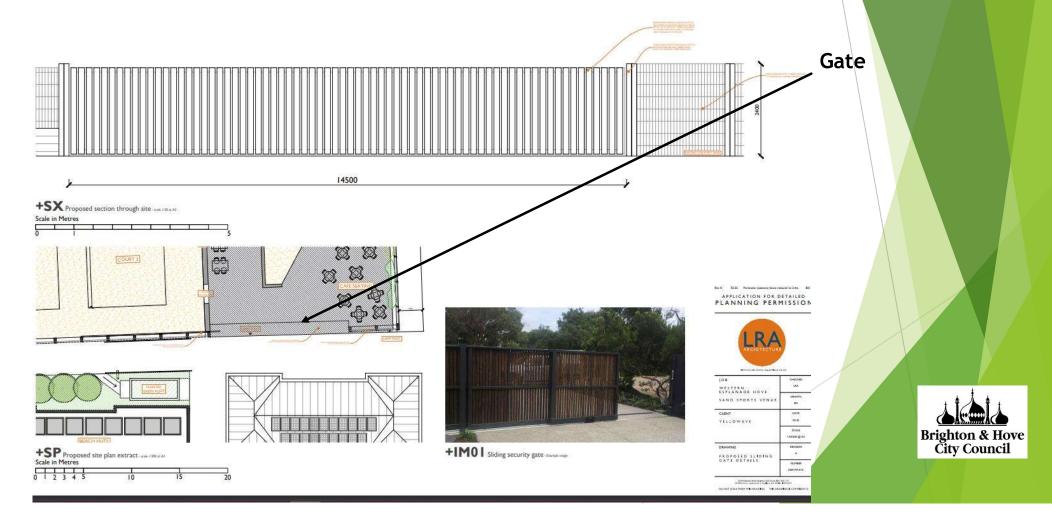








Proposed Southern Sliding Gate

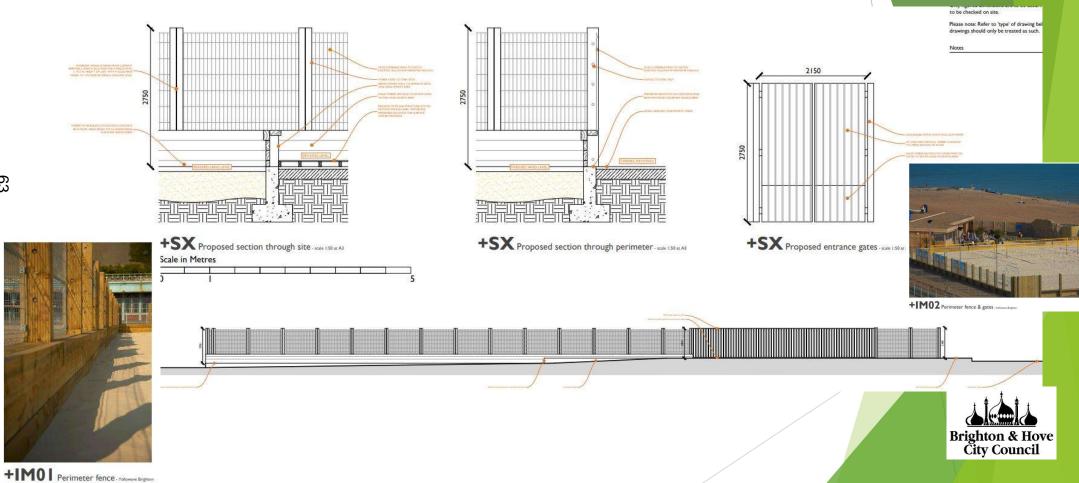


New Gated Accesses





Proposed Fencing and Northern Gate



Proposed Streetsene Visual



+AI Artist's Impression 6 - Decad perspective charges playing and PMA to be Rappy



Proposed Visuals



+Al Artist's Impression 2



+All Artist's Impression 4. In the property being control Colonials Basing showing placing and IPM is used



+AI Artist's Impression 3 - to indispression of proposed Valours Cale from north showing playing and VMA or inchange



+AI Artist's Impression 7 - House perspected tooling over the subspect court, above glassing and NMA to banks



Representations

Updated to be 90 objections (as 1 withdrawn):

- Detrimental Impact on Conservation Area/Heritage Assets
- ▶ Cutting off the fountain area from the public
- Retained path too narrow
- ▶ Fence and beach hut out of context with surroundings
- Another café is not required in this location
- ▶ The use of timber cladding

Updated to be 116 representations of support:

- Great addition to seafront
- Rejuvenation of this area is much needed
- Promotes outdoor sports and physical activity
- Design allows people to access site and watch the sports
- Detrimental elements are offset by the venue's long-term benefits for organized activity and recreation.
- ▶ Reduced height of the fence compared to the original approved height.



Key Considerations

- Principle of development loss of existing public toilet use, proposed mixed use with cafe (Use Class E), and facilities to operate alongside sand sports and community use (Use Class F2)
- Impact on the visual amenities of the surrounding area, including the locally listed assets and the conservation area.
- Impact on public realm/landscaping
- Impact on highways/access
- ▶ Impact on neighbouring amenity, in particular noise and disturbance.



Conclusion and Planning Balance

- Generally, the proposals to provide associated developed for the already approved Sand Sports facility are welcomed.
- Providing significant public benefit Sand Sports
- Locally listed heritage asset back into active use restorative works to enhance the appearance and condition of the building.
- ► The proposed detached outbuilding, boundary fencing would restrict public movement outside of opening hours, and timber decking would significantly change the townscape, and would result in less than substantial harm to heritage assets.
- On balance, it is considered that the harm is outweighed by the other heritage benefits and the wider public benefits of the proposal.
- Impact on Neighbouring Amenity Condition to restrict opening hours, and submission of a noise management plan to outline further setting out noise management and safety measures by the operator

Recommend: Approval

