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DAS

This Design and Access Statement (DAS) has been produced on behalf of David Wilson Homes (Mercia). Limited in support of a retrospective planning application for a public art installation.



Description of Proposal

David Wilson's in house architect has produced a detailed design. The design consists of a Bench on a raised platform with some decorative planting and fencing. The piece is a welcoming immersive installation inviting community members to sit, relax and enjoy the place. The artwork is a nod to the Cricket club and the creation of a high-quality new neighbourhood. Additional low level signage will be provided to give direction to the Cricket club and other notable places of interest to the new community such as the playing fields, The Salt Way and the linear park

This proposal is in addition to the water feature positioned in the linear landscape corridor located to the North West of the development.



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Appearance

The artwork consists of a decked platform, 2 steps in height. The platform is square in design and each corner has an integral planter containing low shrubs. The deck has been painted with an oak stain. Centred on the platform is a bench. The bench has ornate decorate sides painted white. Pine stain wooden slates make up the seat and back rest. The rear of the platform has a tall wooden fence approximately 3m in height and is also painted white with a similar vertical slatted pattern.

Access

The installation is set close to existing pathways, in a grassed area. Pedestrians will be able to walk onto the installation and use the bench. The installation will not inhibit pedestrians using the pathways.

Maintenance

Developments Management Company will ensure that the installation is maintained to a satisfactory level.

Use

The installation will provide seating and opportunities for the community to engage with each other in conversation.

Scale

The installation will sit comfortably within the green space and will sit lower in the skyline than the surrounding trees, buildings and lamp posts.a



