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Hereford Leisure Pool, St Martins Avenue, Hereford, HR2 7RQ.

For Herefordshire Council.

**Design and Access Statement
(Includes Heritage Statement)
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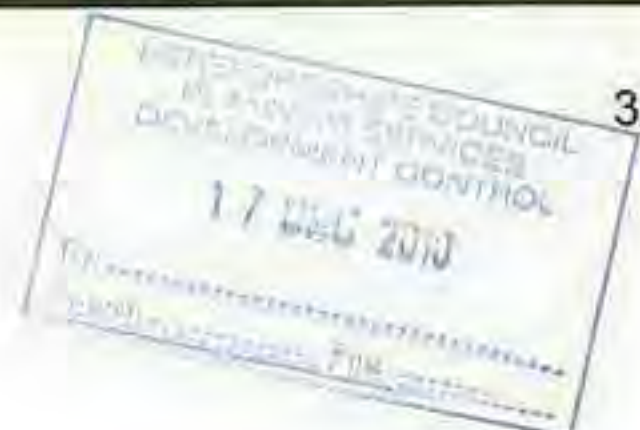
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Introduction

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Amount

- The amount of development is restricted by the budget considerations, but more importantly by the need to provide additional security measures whilst preserving and enhancing the visual amenity of the area.
- Externally, the proposed works is limited to the building perimeter and no additional building construction is planned under this development.
- Internally, the extent of work is limited to certain areas where increases in floor space can be cost effectively gained and where security can be maintained. This is achieved by rationalising existing floor spaces.
- The brief also provided clear guidelines on the amount of accommodation to be provided and the relationship of the spaces.



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Scale

- The proposed refurbishment works will not involve any additional buildings or increased building area.
- The major external alterations will be:
 - Removal of the existing windows and doors. Replacement will be like for like in powder coated aluminium.
 - Removal and replacement of existing waterproof coverings to the roof.
 - Installing an external cladding façade to the plant room.
 - Installing an anti-climb system to parts of the building elevation.
- The work has have been matched in scale with the existing building context and future development proposals to extend the pool which is separate from this application. The anti-climb barrier and external cladding is purposed designed to accommodate for these changes.



Elevation where external cladding will be installed.



New anti-climb perimeter barrier to be installed to low levels.



Replacement of doors and windows.



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Landscaping

- The site does not include any tree or shrub planting
- Externally easier access provisions will be provided with ramped approaches to the various locations.
- Internally easier access provisions will also be provided in the new village change and main pool with again ramped approaches.
- Where possible, existing materials will be re-used in a sustainable way.
- The provision for covered cycle parking will be retained in accordance with council requirements.
- Grassed areas will be restored following building works.



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Appearance

- In appearance, the new alterations are designed to enhance and preserve the existing building and surrounding area.
- There is no strong design influence in the area and to compliment the existing building, a relatively modern design has been incorporated for the perimeter barrier. The cladding to the North elevation has been designed again to preserve and enhance the building but also to suit the new proposed development to be undertaken by Halo separate to this scheme.
- Where possible, existing materials will be matched.
- The windows and wall cladding will be in aluminium.
- The roofing materials and rainwater goods will be matched to provide a cost effective and low maintenance covering.



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Access

- The Hereford Leisure Pool dates from the 1970's and access is in accordance with the regulations of that period but has been supplemented in a responsible way to accommodate changing legislation.
- Up-dating is therefore included in the scheme to allow for ease of access to parts of the building, with more generous circulation areas. There is improvements to external escape routes and within the new village change toilets.
- Other toilets within the existing building are to be checked and improved if required to current part M standards.
- In accordance with DDA requirements, internal door widths, weights and contrasting colour schemes will be provided to increase accessibility and use by those who are ambulant disabled and partially sighted.
- Clear signage will be provided to all areas in accordance with legislative requirements and Council policy.

