

Hollingworth Lake High Nets Activity course

Planning Statement

High Nets Activity Course in its context

One of the key core themes of the masterplan is Active Adventure. Whilst there is current provision of water based activities, land based adventure activities are limited in the country park. With a focus of fun family adventure,

It is proposed that a High Nets Course be developed at the rear of the lake. The current location is currently underutilised with limited public access and no designated usage to date.

It is important to note that the development will be high nets not high ropes. The security of the course is via nets enclosing the whole course.

Participants will get the chance to climb, roll, bounce and play on the Nets Course which is suspended 10m high in the air designed for the young and old.

This activity is perfect for children as young as 6 years of age upwards, Also a great team-building activity to get work, sport or just general groups of friends from all surrounding areas involved.

The target markets are as follows: Public Bookings (adults and children) Adventure Parties Corporate Bookings Schools Bookings Youth Groups

It is anticipated there will be a higher netted course and lower ground course. The majority of the sub structure will be designed to blend in with the surrounding tree and vegetation.

Principle of the Development

The proposed development of a high nets course within the Hollingworth Lake Country Park could be considered to meet exemption b) of paragraph 147 of the Framework - the provision of appropriate facilities (in connection with the existing use of land or a change of use) for outdoor sport, outdoor recreation, cemeteries and burial grounds and allotments...’.

The proposed location

The proposed location for the development will be the area of land next to pavilion caféA locaton plan has been submitted as part of the full planning application.

The course will be built with sustainability in mind ensuring that the material procurement and use is a consideration The ecology of the site has been fully assessed and supported by a report to support the full planning application.

The course design has been produced by a specialist who has a history of producing this type of development.

Accordance with National and Local Planning policies

The proposal would accord with adopted Rochdale Core Strategy policies SP3/P (The Strategy for Pennines), E5 (Supporting the visitor economy) and G6 (Enhancing green infrastructure).