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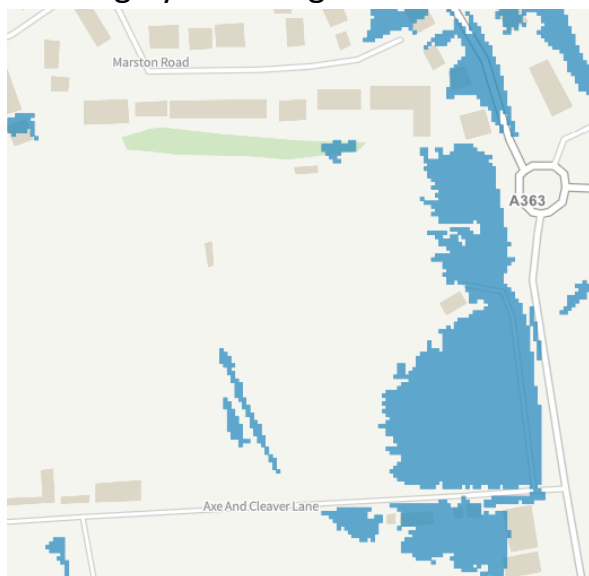
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Dear Planning Team

Please find attached plans for a second phase of a drainage system to be installed at Trowbridge Town Football Club's ground at Woodmarsh.

We are grateful to have received permission for the first phase of the drainage system which will be installed on the adult pitch to the north of the ground at Woodmarsh, North Bradley. This was application number PL/2024/10811. The system is designed to avoid the frequent flooding experienced in recent years which has caused matches for adult and youth teams to be cancelled, postponed or moved to other locations.

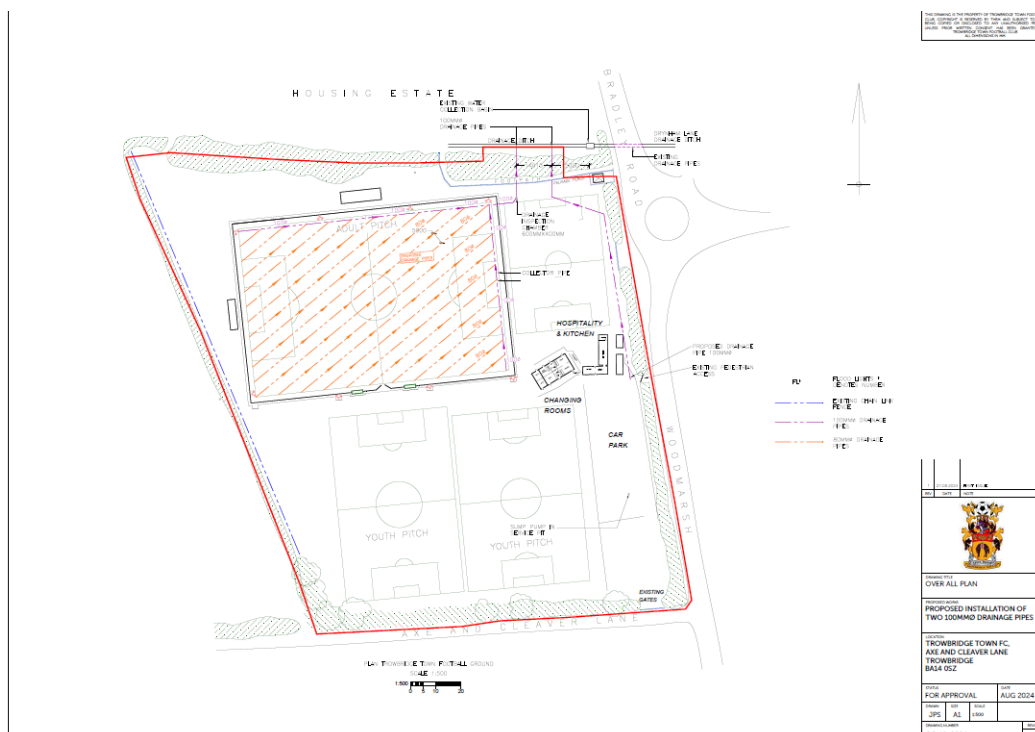
The ground is shown as prone to surface water flooding on the national flood [map](#) for planning – see image. The drainage system is designed to avoid such flooding by rerouting water into established watercourses.



The first phase of the system – as seen in the proposed site plan for PL/2024/10811 below – included:

- perforated plastic pipes 80mm in diameter laid from south to north across the adult pitch at five metre intervals in an angled pattern;
- 100mm collector pipes at the north and east of the pitch;
- an inspection chamber just beyond the north east corner of the pitch into which the collector pipes drain;
- a 100mm pipe laid under the footpath north of the ground into an open culvert which drains eastward to a pipe running under Bradley Road;
- an overground collector pipe at the eastern boundary of the ground to collect water from an existing pump in the south-eastern area of the ground to be used when heavy rain leaves surface water on the south of the ground;
- an underground collector pipe at the east of the pitch to receive the water from the southern area and convey it northward into a second 100mm pipe running under the footpath to the culvert, parallel and 23 metres from the pipe carrying water from the pitch.

This system will work continuously to keep the adult pitch dry and playable.



We now wish to apply to have the second phase of the system installed as part of the same project. The second phase will provide drainage for the two youth

pitches to the south of the adult pitch and has fewer separate elements than phase 1. The western pitch is the larger one, catering for under-13 and under-14 games while the eastern pitch is used by under 12s and under 11s.

As seen in the proposed site plan below, each pitch will have a set of 80mm pipes beneath it arranged in a 'herring-bone' pattern – those on the northern halves running diagonally north-west to south-east and those on the southern halves south-west to north-east. These pipes will drain into a 100mm collector pipe running west to east across the two pitches.

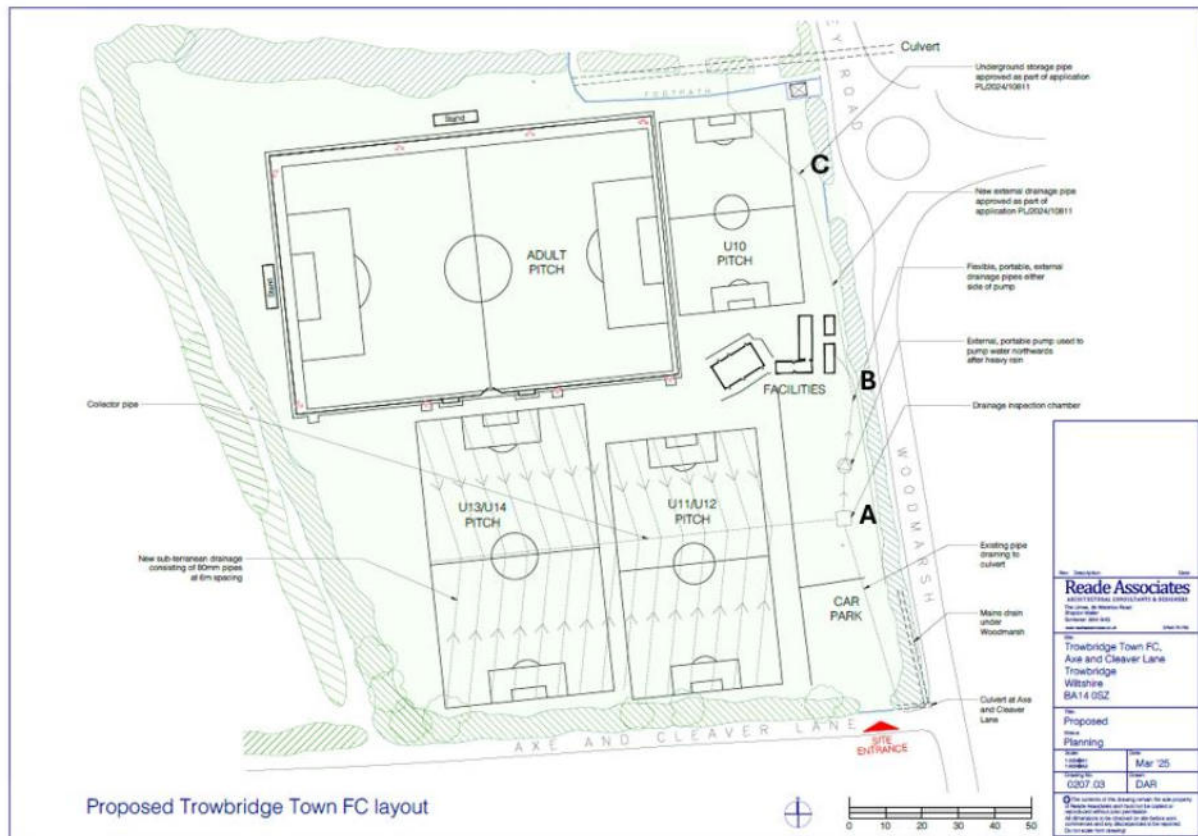
This part of the system will prevent water from collecting on the surfaces of the pitches, rendering them unplayable.

The collector pipe will drain into an existing drainage inspection chamber at point A from which water currently drains southwards through an existing underground pipe to a culvert running west to east along the north side of Axe and Cleaver Lane which then discharges into a mains drain running south to north along Woodmarsh.

Currently this system only drains water collecting in the car park area while water remains on the youth pitches. Under the new system, water from the youth pitches will also drain into the inspection chamber and thence southwards. If the rain has been heavy, a portable pump will be utilised to pump water north-west through an external, above-ground plastic pipe to the eastern fence line close to the club house – point B.

From there, under arrangements approved in the first phase under application PL/2024/10811, water will be conveyed through another external pipe to point C where it will connect to an underground pipe that will take the water under the smallest, under-10s, youth pitch to a pipe running under the footpath at the north of the ground into a culvert to the north of that path. All of the system north of point B was approved in the earlier application.

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Please note that on the application form we accurately stated that there are trees on the development site. However this is because the system requires us to define the entire ground as the development site. However no trees will be in any way affected by the proposed drainage system.

I hope this provides the information required.

Andy Meaden, Club Chairman

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David Vigar, committee member