



1) EARLY OPTIONS AND PRE-APPLICATION

The above are some of the early options which were explored and ruled out. The Club wanted to ensure that the structure proposed was in keeping with the environment and the conservation area. A curved structure allowed for a reduced impact on the surrounding area.

The design presented at the pre-application stage was a single cover stretching over all three courts with a 2 metre walkway around the side. Following positive feedback from the Council, the design was presented at a number of community engagement meetings with neighbouring Residents Associations, the local community and the Croquet Club. During these meetings a few concerns were raised. The Club strived to address the concerns raised. The statement of community involvement submitted as part of the application (appendix A of the Planning Statement) goes into more detail in this regard.

Originally, a height to ridge of 8.2 metres was proposed, however following discussions with structural engineers, it became evident that this would not be achievable. The structure would collapse in the center if there was any heavy rainfall or snowfall.

2) ORIGINAL SUBMISSION

In response to the pre-application response:

- The side panels of the cover were coloured green in response to the request from the Conservation Officer. However, the top left white due to natural lighting and ultimately energy use. This was deemed to be acceptable by the Case Officer.

In response to the commentary during meetings with neighbours:

- Additional acoustic barriers were incorporated
- The orientation shifted so the eaves were facing the boundary rather than the ridge, taking the height away from the Croquet Club. This was in response to concerns raised from the Croquet Club.
- Makeup of cover to change from one single cover to two separate connected structures to minimise height of structure and break up massing

3) REVISED SUBMISSION

During the course of the application concerns were raised regarding the height of the structure and the potential noise that would be generated from the proposal. In response to the concerns raised by neighbours during the course of the application, the following changes have been made:

- Reduced the height of the structure from 10.8 metres to 8.4 metres
- Changed orientation of the structure in order to account for the reduction in height. This allowed for three individual connected structures which further reduces the massing of the structure.
- Further acoustic barriers incorporated in the structure.

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