

Design Access Statement
Proposed Drive-in-Cinema
Pickering Showground, Pickering

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Pickering Showground is located to the south of the market town of Pickering to the west side of Malton Road. The showground hosts many events throughout the year and becomes very busy with both tourists and local residents.

The proposal of this application is to provide an additional attraction within the showground in the form of a drive-in-cinema.

The area to be used for the proposal is already ear-marked by the showgrounds owners as an area to be used for the 'park and ride'. The 'park and ride' proposal is to be subject to a full planning application by the showgrounds owners which is to include the car-parking area. The proposed drive-in-cinema will utilise the car-parking area from the 'park and ride' after the last shuttle bus has dropped off. This give operating hours of the cinema of 19:30 to 01:00 hours in summer and 17:00 to 11:30 hours in winter.

The proposal is split into two parts, the first is the projection unit building. This comprises a small 4.4x4.4m timber clad detached building. This is two storey as the projection unit has to be set high enough above ground level to allow clear access to the screen. The building comprises a part vaulted roof to enable a window in the gable but reduce the height and impact of the building. As this leaves a space at ground floor, this area will be used as a reception area that will also serve cold drinks (non-alcoholic) and snacks (popcorn etc). This building is to be constructed to be able to be dismantled and moved within the site if required (subject to permission applied for at time) with minimal loss of materials.

The second part of the proposal is to provide the new cinema screen. This has to be located within 100m of the projection housing. This is a steel framed structure that is clad with plywood to give a smooth solid finish to fix the cinema screen against. This is subject to a structural engineers design and full details will be provided when available, draft designs have been provided in the meantime.

Access to the site will be from the main access already in use from Malton Road and all existing roads within the site.