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AYSCOUGHFEE HALL & GARDENS – SPALDING
PLANNING STATEMENT FOR NEW PERFORMING ARTS PAVILION AND REFURB WORKS TO AVIARY

Ayscoughfee Hall has been left in trust to the people of Spalding and is managed by SHDC. The charity number is 515905.

The existing pavilion is under-utilised and deteriorating structurally.

It is the plan of SHDC to replace the Pavilion with one that is suitable as a platform/stage for performing arts. It is proposed to plan performances through-out the summer not only to promote the Hall and Gardens but to generate revenue from the sale of tickets and use of the cafe facilities thus making the historical site more sustainable.

The design of the Pavilion has borrowed readily recognisable 4 centred arch features. The proscenium opening is to provide maximum unhindered viewing and the Juliet balconies provide a useful stage set feature that may be useful for Shakespearian plays.

The application for a license will be the subject of a separate application.

Timber will be hardwood and the roof covering will be shingle tiles all sourced from sustainable sources.

At the same time as the work to form the new Pavilion it is intended to reduce the height of the Left hand wing of the high level wall to aid better viewing of the children's play area. It has long been a concern that this play area is somewhat secluded making supervision difficult.

The Aviary is in poor dilapidated state and requires remedial repairs that include replacing asbestos cement roofing as well as strengthening walls, providing washing facilities, improving hygiene for the birds by providing floor washdown gullies and improving the central river feature.

Its is our intention to save and/or relocate all rendered sculptures.

The Conservation Julie-Anne Middlebitch has been consulted and her recommendations taken on board.

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