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**Planning Application 26/00189/FUL**

**Retrospective application for siting an InPost Parcel Locker**

**Abbey Stadium Sports Centre , Birmingham Road, Redditch, Worcestershire, B97 6EJ,**

**Applicant: InPost UK  
Ward: Greenlands And Lakeside**

**(see additional papers for site plan)**

The case officer of this application is Chad Perkins, Planning Officer (DM), who can be contacted on Tel: 01527 881257 Email: chad.perkins@bromsgroveandredditch.gov.uk for more information.

**Site Description**

The Abbey Stadium Sports Centre is a leisure facility, comprising a swimming pool, running track, playing fields and a gymnasium. It is located near to the northern edge of Redditch, within the Greenlands and Lakeside Ward.

The locker is located on a wall adjacent to the main entrance to the main building. To the south is a large car park, which can be accessed by motorists from Bordelsey Lane.

**Proposal Description**

The proposal, which is retrospective, is for the addition of an external 'InPost Parcel Locker' to a side wall near the doors to the main reception of the Abbey Stadium Sports Centre. Historic imagery shows that the lockers have been in situ since at least April 2024. The development comprises one unit, with a projecting canopy element. This unit is set against an external wall of the sports centre and are visible from the car park off Bordesley Lane as well as to a lesser extent from the A441 Birmingham Road.

The 'InPost Parcel Locker' has maximum dimensions of:

Height: 2.42m

Width: 4m

Depth (Of Lockers): 0.9m

Depth (Including Canopy): 1.66m

The 'InPost Parcel Locker' acts as a communal locker for the storage of parcels that are waiting to be sent or received by individuals and/or businesses. The locker operates in a self-service fashion and can be accessed by patrons 24/7.

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The appearance of the 'InPost Parcel Locker' is white metal with dark grey frontage and black and yellow detailing. The locker is equipped with external metal clad downlights and a metal canopy that incorporates an integrated security camera.

**Relevant Policies :**

**Borough of Redditch Local Plan No. 4**

Policy 39: Built Environment

Policy 40: High Quality Design and Safer Communities

Policy 43: Leisure, Tourism and Abbey Stadium

**Others**

Redditch High Quality Design SPD

National Planning Policy Framework (2024)

**Consultations**

**Worcestershire County Council Highways**

No objection

**Community Safety Manager**

No objection

**Public Consultation Response**

Site notice displayed and expired 22.03.2026

**Assessment of Proposal**

The proposal is considered to constitute 'development' as per the definitions set out in the Town and Country Planning Act (1990), which states: "development," means the carrying out of building, engineering, mining or other operations in, on, over or under land, or the making of any material change in the use of any buildings or other land'. The proposal consists of the addition of a permanent, external structure and is therefore considered to constitute "development" as such.

Overall, the proposal is considered to be acceptable as the locker is of a modest scale and its function aligns with the wider use of the building as a leisure centre. The materials used for the locker mean it will be apparent from the car parking areas associated with the Abbey Stadium Sports Centre. However, the location of the locker is set against the building, tucked against a wall by the main entrance. Considering this context of the site as a whole, there is no harm caused to visual amenity.

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Additionally, the proposal is sited approximately 130 metres away from the closest residential dwellings, separated by car parking space and the A441 Birmingham Road. Given these circumstances, it is considered that the proposal would not be harmful to nearby residential occupiers with regard to noise or privacy.

Worcestershire County Council Highways were consulted to comprehensively assess any potential implications of the proposal on pedestrian and/or highways safety. Worcestershire County Council Highways have since registered a response of no objection to the application.

As such, the proposal is considered to comply with both the National Planning Policy Framework 2024 and the Borough of Redditch Local Plan No.4, specifically policy 40.2 (i) which states that the proposed designs should 'be of a high quality design that reflects or complements the local surroundings and materials', and policy 40.2 (viii) which states that the development should 'incorporate any relevant guidance contained within Supplementary Planning Documents, for example Designing for Community Safety and Encouraging Good Design'

**RECOMMENDATION:**

**That having regard to the development plan and to all other material considerations, planning permission be GRANTED subject to the following conditions:**

**Conditions:**

- 1) The development hereby approved shall be carried out in accordance with the following plans and drawings:

L(00)000 P1 Site Location Plan - dated 5th February 2026

L(00)100 P1 Proposed Site Plan - dated 5th February 2026

L(01)101 P1 Existing and Proposed Plans - dated 5th February 2026

L(02)101 P1 Existing and Proposed Elevations - dated 5th February 2026

Reason: To provide certainty to the extent of the development hereby approved in the interests of proper planning.

**Procedural matters**

This application is being reported to the Planning Committee because Redditch Borough Council has an interest in the land as freeholder. As such the application falls outside the scheme of delegation to Officers.