

ANFIELD STADIUM

DESIGN AND ACCESS STATEMENT
FOR LIVERPOOL FOOTBALL CLUB

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1.0 Introduction

General Introduction

This Design and Access Statement has been prepared to accompany the planning application submitted by Liverpool Football Club and Athletic Grounds Limited (LFC) for the provision of a new lift as inclusive access to the Centenary stand and expansion of the Kop stand at Anfield Stadium.

The proposals form part of a wider scheme to improve the facilities in the Anfield Road, Centenary and Kop stands to increase the number of wheelchair positions, accessible and amenity seating and inclusive facilities in the existing stands, in line with accessible stadia guidelines.

Aims of Proposal

The proposals respond to Liverpool Football Club’s design brief, for expansion of the stadium with the following aims:

- Increase inclusive facilities to the Anfield Road, Centenary and Kop stands.
- Retain stadium configuration and character
- Develop a design which is safe, secure and inclusive
- Develop sympathetic design of areas in relation to the existing stands.
- Provide additional seating for fans who will be displaced by the new accessible positions

2.0 Layout, Scale and Appearance

Kop Stand

An increase in the seating area of the Kop Stand comprising two ‘in-fill’ additions at the rear of both sides of the stand creating 470 additional seats.

LFC’s owners wish the expansion of the Kop Terrace at high level to be as unobtrusive as possible, to ensure that the expanded elements of the stand “look as though they have always been there”.

To this end the extension to the two upper corner terrace areas, and relevant structural additions will be extended and clad in materials to match the existing stand.

There will be a slight amendment to Turnstile Block B (Main stand end) as manned turnstiles will be replaced with new unmanned turnstiles, and a new exit gate is added.

Materials palette



High level cladding



Low level cladding

KOP Stand

View 1 Existing



View 2 Existing



View 3 Existing



View 1 Proposed



View 2 Proposed



View 3 Proposed





Centenary Stand

The Centenary Stand elevation is being extended to provide the necessary improvement in the disabled lift access as part of the new accessible stadia requirements. Construction of a new lift tower the full height of the Centenary Stand; this will house one 21 person lift to take disabled and reduced mobility supporters to the upper levels of the stand.

The works relate to the central entrance area (between the central brick towers) of the Centenary stand only, and two thirds of the existing curtain wall façade remains in place.

The proposed elevation treatment will relate to the Main stand in that there will be the first elements of a central colonnade and portico structure in brickwork (which could in future extend across the façade between the existing brick stair towers).

The brickwork will be in orange brindled brick to match the existing stair towers, or similar red facing brick as used on the main stand, and in keeping with brick used in the local area. The soffit to the portico will be a high level flush red powder coated metal panel.

The deep set infill to the new portico element will be a new double-glazed curtain walling system with grey powder coated cappings, a mixture of clear and spandrel panels will create a consistent appearance. There will be a pair of grey glazed curtain wall escape doors at ground floor level.

Materials palette



Brickwork



Curtain Walling

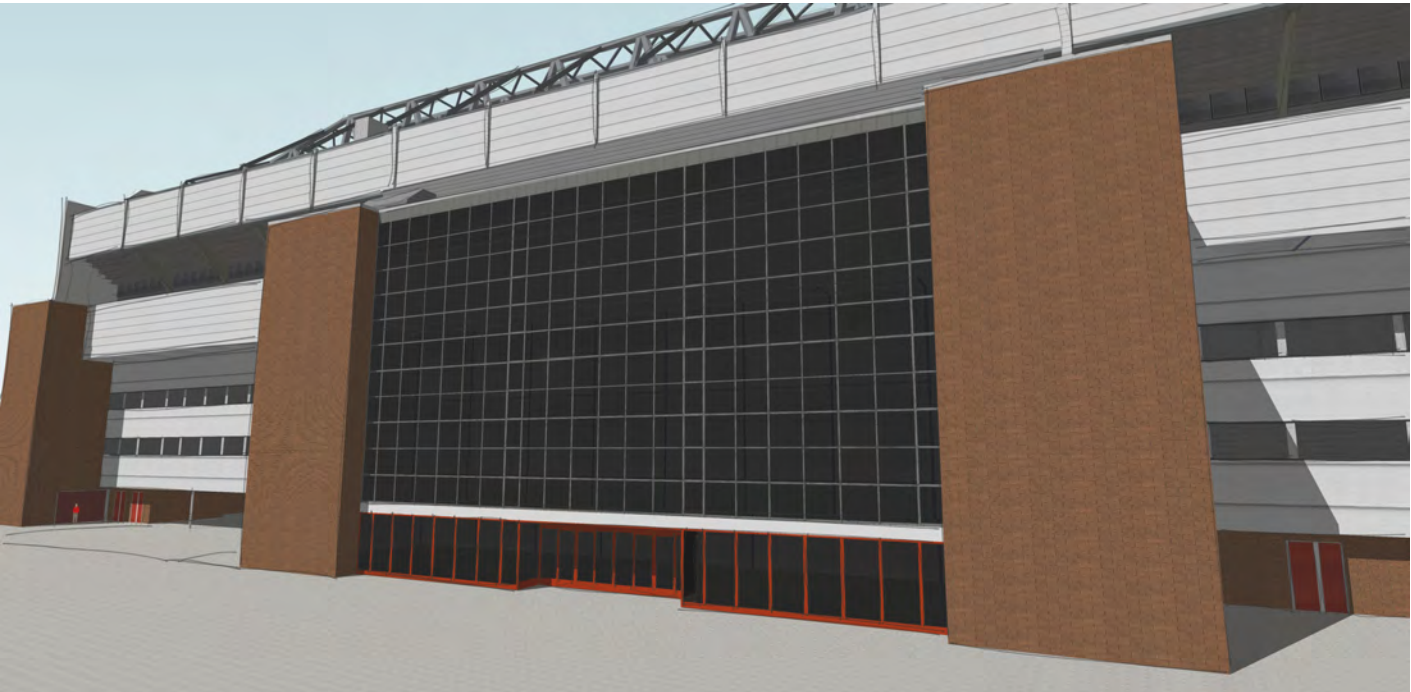


Red Metal Soffit

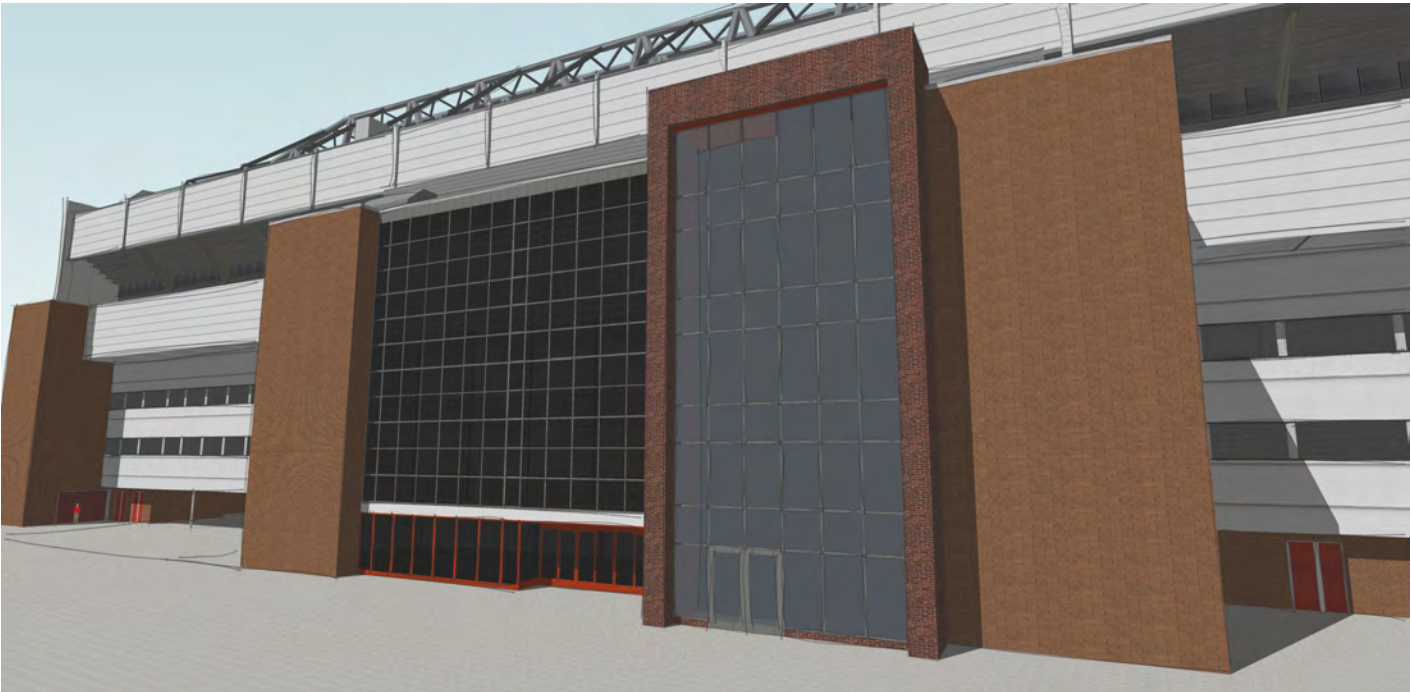
Additional Stadium Works

There will be additional works to the stadium bowl in order to increase wheelchair positions, accessible and amenity seating for both home and away supporters and the provision of internal accommodation, such as disabled WC facilities. Refer to section 4. Inclusive Access for detailed explanation of works.

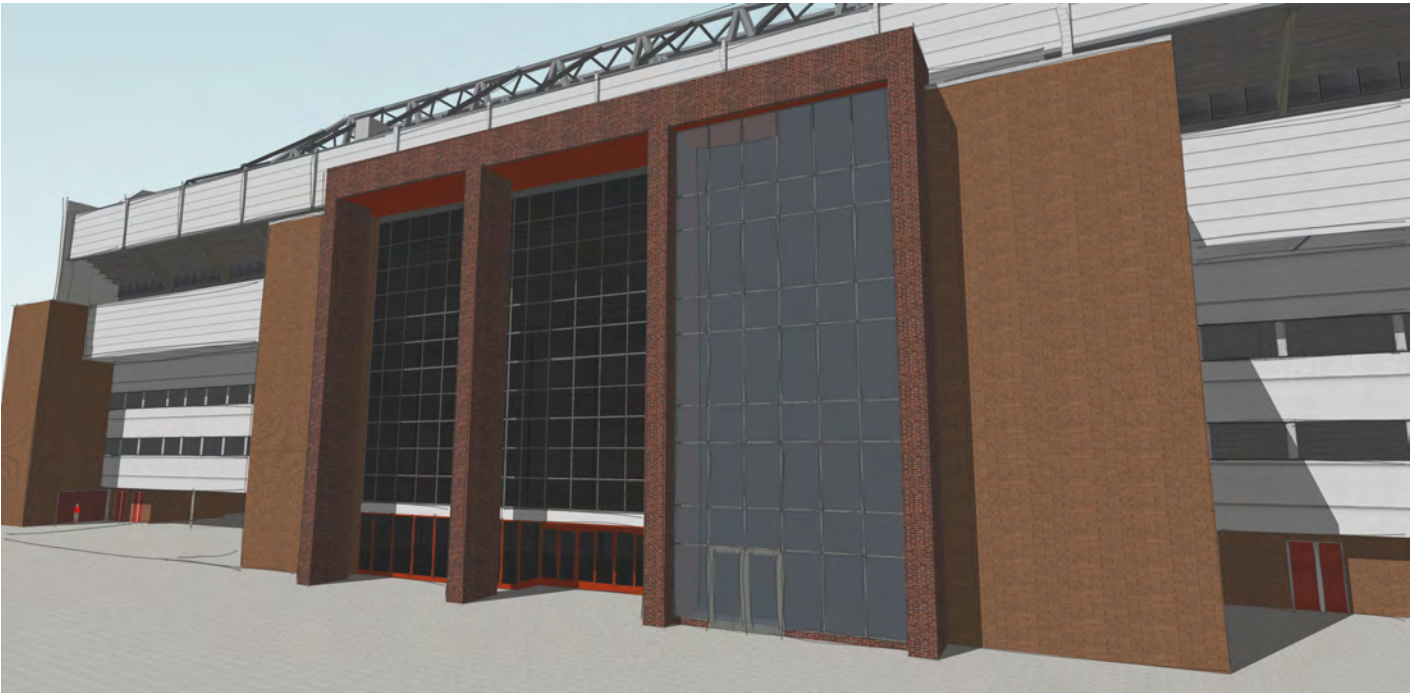
Centenary Stand
Existing View



Proposed View



Potential longer term option





3.0 Vehicle Access and Parking

Travel to the Stadium

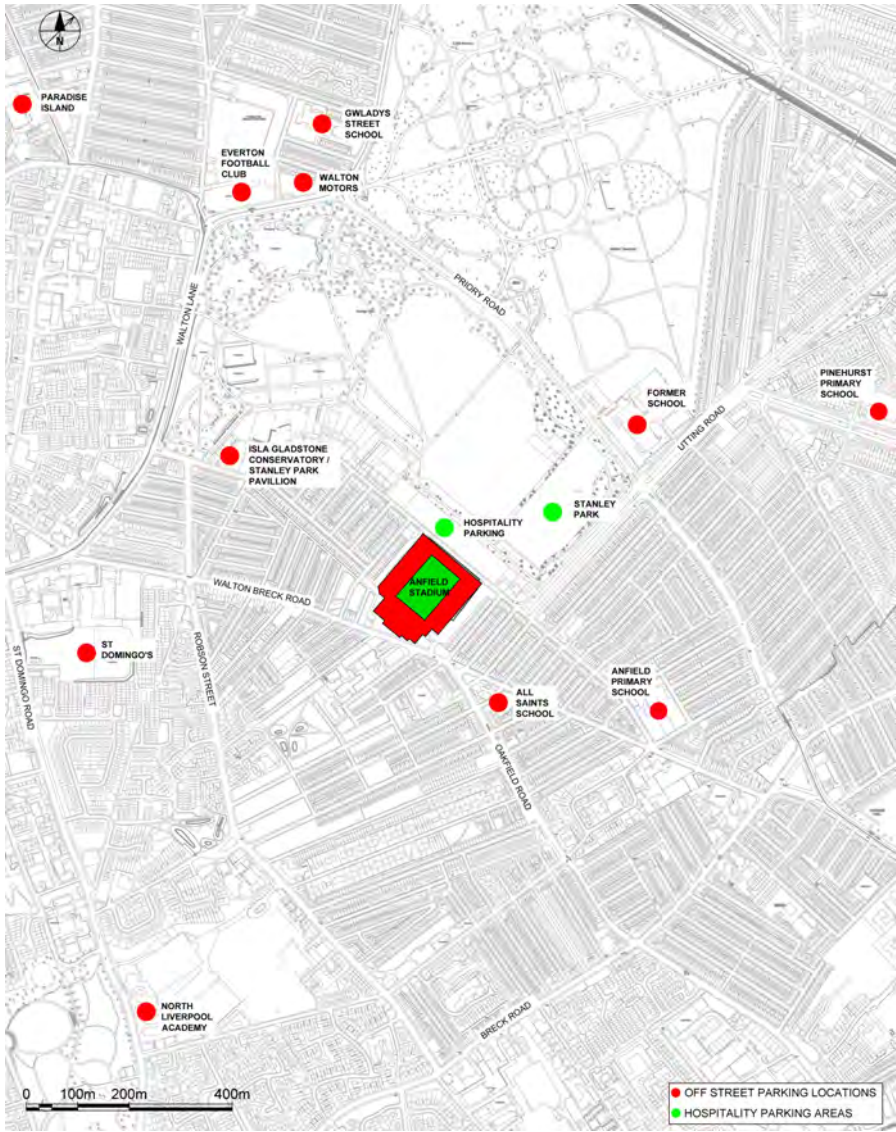
The majority of spectators currently travel to the stadium by car, either as a driver, passenger or dropped off in close proximity to the ground. A combination of public transport, including special match day buses, taxis and walking make up a significant proportion of trips. A number of home and away fans arrive by organised coach.

Car Parking

There is limited car parking available within the existing ground. While approximately 130 spaces are available on a non-match day adjacent the Centenary Stand, only 33 of those spaces are available for corporate hospitality on match days, with the remaining spaces reserved for players or kept free for pedestrian circulation around the stadium.

The majority of match-day car parking is off-site. The Club manages a number of large car parks within the vicinity of the stadium. 6% of all parking spaces within the immediate vicinity of the ground are marked out for disabled use. Those spaces are predominantly reserved for hospitality and corporate ticket holders.

Other private car parks operate along the main approach routes and are generally available to all ticket holders on a first-come basis. On-street car parking within the locality of the stadium is limited on match days due to an extensive Football Match Parking Zone (FMPZ) around the ground.



Public Transport

Liverpool city centre is the main public transport hub for trips to the stadium, and the majority of bus and rail public transport routes which serve the stadium originate from here. In addition, a large number of taxi journeys to the stadium commence in the city centre.

National rail services terminate at Liverpool Lime Street and local train services arrive at Liverpool Central and Moorfields Station. The Merseyrail Northern Line rail service has three stations within 1.4 miles of the stadium, and the closest, Sandhills, is served by a special Soccerbus service to and from the stadium on match days.

Five regular bus routes serve the Anfield area, and there is a dedicated match day service (the City Centre Express) to Walton Breck Road.



Parking and Drop Off Points

Parking and drop-off facilities for disabled drivers is provided within close proximity of the stadium in accordance with LCC standards (a minimum of 3% blue badge spaces should be available).

73 blue badge spaces are provided: 45 within Stanley Park car park and 25 within the Anfield Road car park, in addition to the 3 spaces in the Main Stand.

2 hours before kick-off until 30 minutes post final whistle, Walton Breck Road and Anfield Road are closed to through traffic except for residential permit holders, thereby creating a safer environment for pedestrians.



4.0 Inclusive Access

General Principles

The proposals reflect LFC’s positive approach to inclusive design within the context of the significant constraints imposed by the existing stadium, and the Club’s commitment to consultation with its supporter groups. They incorporate significant incremental improvements in accessible facilities particularly wheelchair user viewing positions and amenity seating, and respond to the following design legislation and guidance:

- Guide to Safety at Sports Grounds 5th Edition: 2008 (The Green Guide)
- SGSA Guide No.1 “Accessible Stadia”
- BS8300:2009 “Design of Buildings & Their Approaches to Meet the Needs of Disabled People”
- Building Regulations Approved Document M (with 2010 & 2013 amendments)
- Equality Act 2010.

Access Around and Into the Anfield Road, Centenary and Kop Stands

All spectators will approach the existing Anfield road, Centenary and Kop stands in the same manner as currently.

As stated previously Kop stand turnstile Block B will be amended slightly, but there will not be any reduction in access capacity.

Access for general admission and VIP fans to the existing stands will also be in line with the existing routes.

Anfield Road Stand Inclusive Access

Independent inclusive access for Home wheelchair fans to this stand will be via the existing entrance gates in the Centenary stand corner of the stand.

They have level access to pitch side wheelchair seating, and new amenity and easy access seat provision.

New independent inclusive access for Away wheelchair fans to this stand will be via the existing entrance gates in the Main stand corner of the stand.

They have level access via a reprofiled ramp to new raised level pitch side wheelchair seating platform, and new amenity and easy access seat provision.

There will be new wheelchair accessible toilet facilities created for away fans in the vicinity of the first aid room.

Kop Stand Inclusive Access

Independent inclusive access for wheelchair fans to the Kop stand will be via the existing entrance gates in the stand.

They have level access to pitch side wheelchair seating, and new amenity and easy access seat provision.

Centenary Stand Inclusive Access

Inclusive access for general admission and VIP wheelchair fans to this stand will be via the existing main entrance lobby in the Centenary stand.

They will then travel up internally to the facilities on any of Levels 1,2 or 3 via the 2 existing lifts and a new additional large lift.

Two new raised level wheelchair seating platforms will be located on the Level 3 VIP box corridor (one at either end with identical toilet facilities).

Access will be via a dedicated entrance box, and 2 platform lifts (per deck) will take wheelchair users down to the dedicated deck area. There is an adjacent stair for the companions to access the deck.

Amenity Seating Generally

Amenity seats are to provide seating with extra leg room and arm rests where possible. LFC as part of their ticketing strategy will make a number of these seats available to visibility impaired spectators (with spaces for assistance dogs), and to those hard of hearing (with audio-frequency induction loop facilities).

Egress & Emergency Evacuation

Wheelchair users and amenity seating user egress and emergency evacuation would be managed by stewards, and would be via the same routes and lifts used for access.

In the Centenary stand on Level 3 there will be fire rated holding area lobbies, and appropriately located and sized refuge areas are provided on stairs adjacent lifts used for evacuation.

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