

Havant RFC Liaison Panel Meeting June 2018

Attendees :

J- HRFC

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P SIS

Mr C - Local Resident

Officer of the council

Bedhampton Ward councillor

J opened the meeting with an introduction around the table and also covered who else had been invited.

R took us through the proposed agenda and outlined the reason behind the formation of this panel. He also explained the timeline and why this group has met so quickly.

P took us through the SIS the program, confirming the start will be early July. He outlined the initial site safety set up. First operation will be to dig up the soil and remove it off site. This is likely to be week 1-3 of heavy traffic flow with 50-60 trucks a day. Rob confirmed that a planning condition limits the time we can move trucks in the area. Discussion around the precautions we can take and review as we work. Week 5-7 is another busy period, when we bring the gravel on. Then it drops down to a much lower level of truck movements. Whole program is a 14 week program but is weather dependant. Traffic movements in the last 4-6 weeks are minimal. There will be a health and safety board with email and phone number for contact details while on site.

Mr C asked how long the pitch would last for. Jay confirmed the average pitch lasts for about 10 years. At end of 10 years, or when it no longer complies the RFU will reinvest to resurface during the period of the first 30 years. It was also confirmed that a resurface takes about 4 weeks.

Mr C asked if we anticipate any vandalism. R confirmed that we did consider higher fences but decided against it. RFU will be responsible for any repairs during the 30 years. The pitch comes with CCTV 24/7 and we aim to help the local community see it as an asset for them as well as HRFC to help reduce any vandalism.

The meeting stepped outside to view the existing pitch and we talked around where the fence will be and key construction elements.

P confirmed the drainage for the new AGP and that we will have an additional soakaway built. There is a better drainage system in place which should improve the drainage.

Usage was discussed. RFU manage the usage and book to use the pitch. R took us through the Local Rugby Partnership meeting where clubs express an interest in using the pitch and also local college and Uni. Sundays and Mondays will be used to play football in the evenings. Hours of usage will limit lights off at 22:00

R then took us through the Traffic survey we did as part of the planning application.

Mr C told us that Sundays are the worse times for parking. We then had a general discussion around the options for parking with marshalls and over flow parking.

We agreed that we do a letter drop to alert people that the build will start. Cllr will tell us which road we should do a letter drop to. He will also give us some information to include in the letter and asked us to include his contact details in it.

Discussion around on the litter in the area and agreement that the local bins are not enough and regularly overflow even when there is no game on at Havant RFC . J confirmed that we have already put in place additional wheelie bins on match days.

Discussed the anti social behaviour and confirmed we have worked hard to try to reduce with white noise. Mr C pointed out that more usage will probably reduce anti social behaviour as there will be more people about to prevent it. Also confirmed the clubhouse, pitch and storage container have 24/7 cctv. Mr C agreed and pointed out that the other area of concern is the people who book out the clubhouse for private functions. R confirmed that we have tightened up the booking process to make sure that anyone who books the club is made aware of the their responsibilities to the local area.

Agreement that we would look to reconvene around Oct/Nov so we have used the pitch for a month or so. In the mean time Mr C can contact us if he has any specific concerns. R also said that if any neighbours talk to Mr C and express a desire to join the panel then please let us know and we will review numbers etc.