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To: Laurent Lemagnen
Subject: RE: Front Lawn Recreation Ground, Somborne Drive, Havant, PO9 000

Hello Laurent,

Following on from our conversation earlier in the week, I have detailed some of the different aspects of the Front Lawn Recreation Ground project below.

The objective of the project is to improve sport and community facilities in an area of identified need, to use sport as a tool to engage with the community and to deliver social inclusion, skills, education and training programmes.

The site will be managed by an individual operator. The operator will be in charge of the management and maintenance of the site and oversee the different activities that are delivered. We are currently going through the procurement process to identify the most suitable operator and it is expected that they will be in place in January 2016.

The community facilities, artificial grass pitch and hard court MUGA area will provide structure activities delivered by suitably qualified professionals. None of these facilities will be open access and will only be utilised for controlled structured programmes and overseen by the operator.

All floodlit facilities will have strict restriction on the hours of use and it is proposed that sessions will conclude at 21.30hrs. The remaining grass pitches will be retained as public open space.

The artificial grass pitch will host all the football use on the site, along with the remaining grass pitches. The hard court MUGA area will host tennis, basketball and netball (with the potential of cage cricket although this is unlikely). There will be no football use within the hard court area.

The proposed type and quality of ball-stop fencing surrounding the artificial grass pitch is consistent with The Football Association's (FA) technical requirements for fencing to enclose artificial sports pitches.

The installed appearance of perimeter ball-stop fencing will be steel open mesh fencing containing a general 200x50mm aperture (and 66x50mm rebound aperture at lower level) and finished to polyester powder coated RAL6005 Dark Green, discreet against a rural background.

Finished fence heights will be 4.5m to the external pitch perimeter and internally within the Respect spectator area, ranging 1.2m c/w hand rail to 2m high. Perimeter fencing is necessary around an ATP to ensure the adequate long term protection of the valuable asset for a variety of vital reasons as follows:

- To contain balls within the pitch during training, competition and recreational activities
- To protect the playing surface from contamination that will severely compromise the longevity of the artificial turf playing surface
- To help prevent unauthorised use

- To prevent vandalism

Back in May we held an open community engagement event at Front Lawn to present the proposed plans and gain feedback from the local residents. Generally the feedback was good and local residents could see how this project would have a real positive impact on the Leigh Park area.

The main concerns were regarding parking and the effect that increased usage would have on the surrounding residential roads. As it stands the current car parking is not fit for purpose and therefore the proposal includes an increase to 67 standard parking bays with an additional 10 disabled parking bays. This is approximately a 285% increase on the capacity of the existing site.

Hopefully that answers most of the questions that you raised following the planning application, but if there is anything else you need to know or more detail you require please let me know.

Many thanks

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