

WOOTTON BASSETT SPORTS ASSOCIATION

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Relocation of Wootton Bassett Sports Association – Update to Area Board 25/7/12

Background

Wootton Bassett Sports Association (WBSA) is seeking to relocate from its current 7 acres site at Rylands Way and proposing to purchase and develop a 26 acre site by the Malmesbury Road and opposite the Ballards Ash sports ground. The Association hosts the Town's football, tennis, cricket and road running clubs, together with social clubs/members. Facilities on the current site include a football pitch, cricket pitch, four tennis courts, and associated clubhouse with changing and social rooms. The new site when fully developed will provide for 2 cricket squares, 4 football pitches, 8 tennis courts, together with changing room and community/social facilities within the clubhouse.

Current Status

Recent progress has been, and continues, as follows:

1. Continued refinement and detailing of site design and facilities to accommodate the reduced budget on that planned for in 2008, including consultation with sport governing bodies (FA, LTA, ECB, Sport England) as appropriate;
2. Continued refinement of the business plan and operational forecast, to ensure sustainability of the developed site;
3. Submission of grant funding Expressions of Interest, and development/preparation of supporting material to full applications;
4. Continued discussions with the Rugby Club, Royal Wootton Bassett Shadow Community Board, and Wiltshire Council, regarding collaborative working on the future operation of leisure facilities across our community.

Any local clubs or organisations interested in discussing the development then please contact me on the number below.

This is a complex and large project and there is much to do, but it really does offer our community the potential of top quality sporting facilities, and will secure and significantly enhance the legacy of the gift of land to sport by Major Gerard Buxton.

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