



[REDACTED]
19 September 2023

Our Ref: Com/SG/92292

Dear Mr Geeson

Lease for Neverhampton Road

I am writing to you in support of the current plans for local clubs to take on the lease of the Netherhampton pitches. Salisbury City Council support Salisbury FC Youth and the Wheatsheaf Cabin Crew RFC, in creating the Netherhampton Sports Association to obtain a 25 year lease for the Netherhampton Pitches.

Although the Netherhampton site is outside of our parish boundaries a great many participants that use the site to participate in sporting activities are from Salisbury City. Demand for pitches outstrips the availability and the Netherhampton site is a key community asset in this respect.

Salisbury FC offer a wide range of sporting activities to young people in Salisbury and the securing of a venue will allow them to continue and increase the great work they do in giving access to active lifestyles for many people. As a community organisation, they will be able to apply for funding to improve and maintain grass-based pitches, increasing the quality and quantity of provision.

Through the work of the Community development team at Salisbury City Council and the Sports and Activities Forum for the city, which we chair, we know that creating sustainable clubs is very important for the continued provision of activity. We hope that in the future we would be able to work with the Neverhampton Sports Association to promote their activities and to network them with the wider sporting network of the Salisbury area.

Yours sincerely
Sarah Gregson
Communities Manager
Salisbury City Council