

WOOTTON BASSETT SPORTS ASSOCIATION

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Relocation of Wootton Bassett Sports Association – Update to Area Board 30/11/11

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. Progression of discussions with Wiltshire Council planning officers regards issue of full consent for the planning application that received approval from the Planning Committee in 2008;
2. Liaison with sport governing bodies (FA, LTA, ECB, Sport England) regards detailed design matters and potential grant funding;
3. Re-estimation of the cost of development of the facilities in order to confirm the affordability of all the facility elements and inform the final scope;
4. Review and confirmation of the business plan and operational forecast, to ensure sustainability of the developed site.

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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