

WOOTTON BASSETT SPORTS ASSOCIATION

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Relocation of Wootton Bassett Sports Association – Update to Area Board 28/11/12

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 as follows:

1. Conclusion of contractual negotiations regards vacant possession and build timeframes;
2. Continued refinement of site design, business plan and operational forecast;
3. Development of 1st stage grant applications, and the first grant award from Sport England's Protected Playing Fields fund;
4. Continued consultation with sport governing bodies (FA, LTA, ECB, Sport England) as appropriate.

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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