

WOOTTON BASSETT SPORTS ASSOCIATION

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Relocation of Wootton Bassett Sports Association – Update to Area Board 21/5/14

Background

Wootton Bassett Sports Association (WBSA) is in the process of relocating from its current 7 acre site at Rylands Way to a 23 acre site to the north of 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. The current site includes 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 a full size and floodlit 3rd generation artificial grass pitch (AGP), 2 cricket squares, 4 football pitches of varied sizes, 8 tennis courts, together with changing room and community/social facilities within the clubhouse.

Current Status

I'm delighted to report that the sale and purchase of the land completed in April, and work has commenced on the development of the new site.

The major achievements since the last Area Board meeting are as follows:

1. The contract for development of the natural turf pitches has been awarded, and works commenced;
2. Funding awards from the Football Foundation, Football Stadia Improvement Fund, and Sport England Inspired were all confirmed, bringing the total awarded grant funding to over £1m;
3. The pre-commencement conditions set by the Football Foundation and Sport England were all successfully discharged;
4. Archaeological evaluation works have been ongoing;
5. The volunteer project team has been strengthened to meet the demands of the Development and Operational work streams.

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

Please note that, despite mention in promotional material of additional facilities for the sports hub, WBSA is not involved with the proposed residential and Tesco store on the land adjoining our new site.

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