

WOOTTON BASSETT SPORTS ASSOCIATION

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Relocation of Wootton Bassett Sports Association – Update to Area Board 23/7/14

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 pleased to report that development work continues at the new site, and the good weather has allowed works to catch up in line with the development programme that should see the new site open in July 2015.

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

1. A temporary access to the site has been established, this being where the permanent access will subsequently be formed;
2. The natural turf works has been the main focus of development, with the whole site being herbicide treated, 300ml of topsoil stripped, cut & fill to required levels, the base trimmed, stone removal, and re-distribution of topsoil;
3. Archaeology works have completed, and some late iron age and early roman finds are currently being catalogued;
4. In addition to the development workstream, we have now established a workstream focused on ensuring the business plan and operations are ready for site opening.

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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