

# WOOTTON BASSETT SPORTS ASSOCIATION

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## Relocation of Wootton Bassett Sports Association – Update to Area Board 21/01/2015

### **Background**

Wootton Bassett Sports Association (WBSA) is in the process of relocating from the 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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 broadly to schedule for opening in July 2015.

The major achievements in the last two months are as follows:

1. Clubhouse - Erection of superstructure complete, and temporary roof membrane, making structure waterproof for commencement of internal works. Detail design of cellar/kitchen/bar completed, and design of the IT/AV ongoing;
2. The attenuation pond, for capture of the drainage outfall, is 80% complete;
3. Ground preparation for the artificial grass pitch, and tennis courts, is in progress;
4. Operations - Continued refinement of member clubs sports facility usage profiles. Plans developed and progressing to deliver for site opening the required Operational activities (policies, procedures, job descriptions, maintenance programs) and Business plan activities (pricing, marketing, website, sponsorship);
5. Archaeological initial report has been assessed, and potential photo display of finds in clubhouse is to be explored;
6. Site address registered, and Cabinet Office approval for change of Association name on relocation to Royal Wootton Bassett Sports Association;
7. Budget remains challenged but achievable, with all tender packages being scrutinised for value engineering and design compromise to ensure works costs are within budget.

One major current issue to flag, and that is delay in Wiltshire Council Highways approval of the highways technical drawings is putting at risk the completion of all highways works in time for the planned July opening.

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

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