



EATON BRAY PARISH COUNCIL

Public Consultation

All-weather Training Pitch in Eaton Bray

Following an initiative from EB Lions, our village childrens' Football Club, Eaton Bray Parish Council (EBPC) is considering a proposal to build a community all-weather training pitch.

In 2011, a site in Bower Lane was deemed unsuitable by Central Bedfordshire Council (CBC) planning officers. However the demand for such a facility was understood and supported.

In 2012, The Rye Recreation Ground was identified as an alternative site and following a public consultation, a successful planning application was made.

During and subsequent to the planning process there has been some local opposition to siting the facility at The Rye Recreation Ground. EB Lions have therefore suggested that Holman's Field, (the field behind Eaton Bray Academy, School Lane) also be considered.

Eaton Bray Parish Council is now undertaking a wider public consultation and invites parishioners of Eaton Bray to give their views on the proposal to build such a facility and the two possible sites under consideration;

- EITHER a) The Rye Recreation Ground
OR b) Holman's Field

What is it?

- The facility is a "state of the art" 3G green artificial grass pitch.
- It is enclosed by a 3m / 4.5m high dark green plastic mesh perimeter fence.
- Floodlighting will enable use in winter evenings and is provided by 6 lamps sited on 8m poles, with approved lighting at 120 lux (Eaton Bray Tennis Club courts are lit at 400 Lux) and with minimal light spill.
- The enclosed site dimensions will be; Holman's Field 60m x 40m / The Rye 50m x 30m
- Cycle parking spaces will be provided to encourage environmental benefits

Possible Hours of Use

Monday to Friday	Start Time: 09:30	End Time: 21:30
Saturday	Start Time: 09:30	End Time: 16:30
Sunday & Bank Holidays	Start Time: 09:30	End Time: 13:30

- *Actual hours would be subject to agreement between EB Lions, CBC & EBPC and contained within a Scheme of Use for the facility*

a) The Rye Recreation Ground



ADVANTAGES

- (1) Re-generation and proactive use of under used neglected village facility
- (2) Planning permission approved subject to operational plan
- (3) Traditional site for village sport
- (4) Existing parking and access
- (5) Pitch sited to ensure continued enjoyment of village green

DIS-ADVANTAGES

- (1) Status as a Village Green creates some operational restrictions and potential additional costs
- (2) Close proximity to a number of dwellings
- (3) Conditional on demolition of derelict clubhouse to provide additional car parking

b) Holman's Field, School Lane

ADVANTAGES

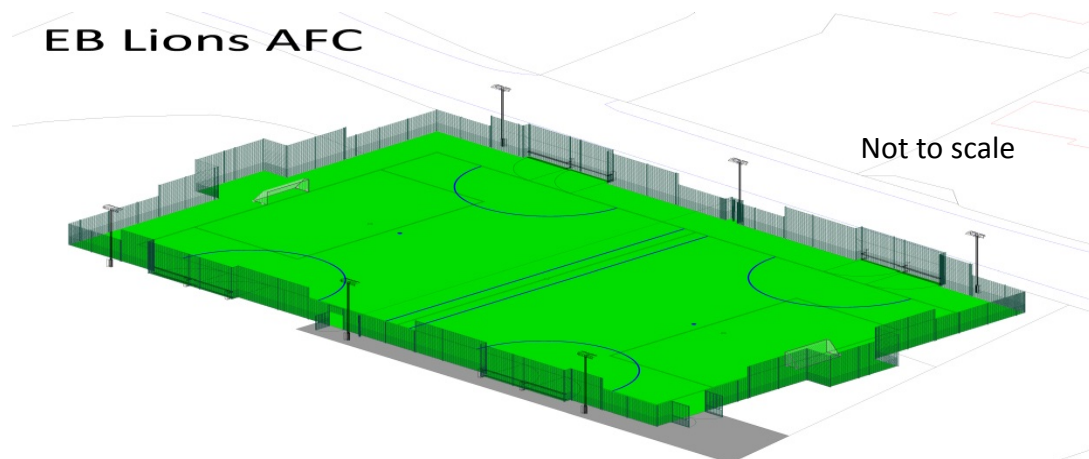
- (1) More central and accessible to the children
- (2) Situated adjacent to Eaton Bray Academy for active day time school use
- (3) Fewer dwellings directly affected
- (4) Suitable for slightly larger pitch
- (5) Large existing car park in School Lane for drop off & pick up
- (6) Remaining space would revert to general public use including allotments, if necessary



DIS-ADVANTAGES

- (1) Site approx. 100m from dropping off point – security issues for younger children / cost of additional lighting
- (2) Being more remote increased risk of vandalism
- (3) EB Lions lose a grass pitch facility for matches

All-weather Training Pitch



How it would work

- (1) A modern, excellent facility to provide ACTIVE SPORT and EXERCISE for local **CHILDREN** to learn to play ORGANISED sport within THEIR community
- (2) Available to local primary schools and other local childrens' groups such as Cubs, Scouts, Brownies etc.
- (3) Operated on a non-profit making basis by EB Lions & EBPC
- (4) Essential for the continued development of EB Lions as a provider of exceptional village sport

Misconceptions

- (1) NOT a commercial venture – there is no financial pressure or desire by EB Lions to hire the pitch on commercial terms and/or to non-village organisations
- (2) NOT Suitable or permitted for competitive matches
- (3) NOT Big enough for adult football matches
- (4) NO requirement for any Changing Rooms or Toilet facilities
- (5) NO funding for building or maintaining from EBPC – this will be largely funded by grants

Consultation & Public Meeting

Further details of the proposals can be found on the parish notice board (Knights Close) and the parish website - www.ebpc.co.uk.

Eaton Bray electors are invited to write/email to the Parish Clerk at Parish Office, 20 Good Intent, Edlesborough, LU6 2RD / clerk@ebpc.co.uk. Please include your name and address with postcode, to enable the council to collate comments into areas of response.

Local residents are also invited to attend a consultation meeting to be held at Eaton Bray Village Hall on **Monday 21st October at 7.30pm**. The meeting will be attended by representatives of Eaton Bray Parish Council and EB Lions AFC who will be happy to address any questions or concerns.

Thank you

All responses **MUST** be received by the Parish Clerk **NO LATER** than **Friday 25th October 2013**.