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Dear «First_Name»

Herringthorpe Leisure Site

I write to advise you that the Rotherham Rugby Club Limited has entered into discussions with Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council to lease an area of the Herringthorpe Leisure Site in order to secure their future and encourage the expansion of amateur rugby within the Borough. The proposal will not have any detrimental effect on pitch use as space will be created on the site to replace the three pitches that are currently located in the area in question. The club's proposal, is to lease an area which will accommodate 3 rugby pitches to be used for training and competitive matches on part of the site. These pitches will also be made available for school and community development use. The Club intends to promote community access by making the facility available to other amateur clubs and local schools, and working with the Council's Sport Development Team aims to promote wider sports and physical activity opportunities. The white line in the plan below marks the boundary of the area in question.



Note: the white line is indicative only

To maximise the potential of the facility the club proposes to erect floodlighting and improve the quality of the playing surfaces. To protect against dog fouling, littering and vandalism it is planned to fence the area. See the suggested boundaries above. In order to reduce any visual impact, the fence will be of the green coated open wire mesh type.

Floodlighting will be designed, angled and positioned to ensure targeted lighting and it is anticipated that the floodlighting columns will be approximately 15m in height, which is lower than the existing mature trees along Badsley Street South. Floodlight usage will be subject to a cut off time (to be agreed) which will prevent any associated late night nuisance to nearby residents. Importantly, 3 new additional sports pitches will also be provided outside the proposed fenced area so that existing users of the playing fields are not disadvantaged.

About Rotherham Rugby Club Limited

Rotherham Rugby Club Limited (the Club) is a self financing organisation which aims to encourage and promote the playing of amateur and community rugby in the town. The ethos of the Club is to provide a safe and secure environment for all age groups that will enable the development of individuals within a disciplined, respectful and enjoyable framework. The Club is administered by a Board of Representatives from three sections: Mini-Juniors, Rotherham Phoenix and the Vice-Presidents.

The Mini-Junior section, has almost 300 boys and girls from across the Borough taking part in 10 different age groups from 7 year olds to under 17s. Rotherham Phoenix is the senior amateur rugby playing section for men over 18 years of age, with almost 100 registered players and officials. The Vice-Presidents section has over 60 members from a wide cross section of people who are generally the older members of the Club.

Since the formation of Rotherham Rugby Club Limited, the Club has been allowed to use the clubhouse facilities of Rotherham Titans at Clifton Lane. However, because the Club needs access to pitches and training facilities of its own, they are seeking to lease this area on Herringthorpe Playing Fields.

Further Information

If you wish to comment on these proposals you can do this by emailing your views to sports.pitches@rotherham.gov.uk or by writing for the attention of the Urban Green Spaces Manager, Bailey House, Rawmarsh Road, Rotherham S60 1TD or call him on 01709 822457.

To find out more please visit www.rotherham.gov.uk/hls or write to The Secretary, Rotherham Rugby Club Ltd., c/o Clifton Lane Sports Ground, Badsley Moor Lane, Rotherham, S60 2SN

Yours sincerely

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