

PLEASE NOTE VENUE

CULTURE, LEISURE AND TRANSPORTATION PORTFOLIO DECISION SCHEDULE



Tuesday 12th December 2006

at 10-.30 am

**in Conference Room 3, Belle Vue Community, Sports and Youth Centre,
Kendal Road**

Councillor Tumilty, Cabinet Member responsible for Culture, Leisure and Transportation will consider the following items.

1. KEY DECISIONS
None

2. OTHER ITEMS REQUIRING DECISION

- 2.1 Race for Life (Cancer Research UK) Event – *Director of Adult and Community Services*
- 2.2 Development of Horticultural Project at Waverley Terrace – *Director of Adult and Community Services*
- 2.3 Rossmere Way Pitches – Resident Survey Relating to New Fencing Proposals and Extension of Land Use – *Director of Adult and Community Services*
- 2.4 Football Development Programme – Progress Update – *Director of Adult and Community Services*
- 2.5 Proposed Residents Only Parking Scheme – Eamont Gardens, Belmont Gardens, Eldon Grove and part Elwick Road – *Head of Technical Services*
- 2.6 Proposed Residents Only Parking Scheme – Houghton Street/Whitburn Street/Elwick Road – *Head of Technical Services*
- 2.7 Petition against Closure of Footpaths, Fens Estate – *Head of Technical Services*

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- 2.8 Proposed Residents Only Parking Scheme – Marske Street, The Maltings Red car Close and Blakelock Gardens – *Head of Technical Services*
- 2.9 Mountston Close Alleygate – Update – *Head of Technical Services*
- 2.10 NDC – Proposed Schemes 2006/07 – *Head of Technical Services*
- 2.11 School Zones– Proposed Schemes 2006/07 – *Head of Technical Services*
- 2.12 Serpentine Road, Request for the Gating of Footpath between Wooler Road and St Bega’s Glade, Consultation Results– *Head of Technical Services*
- 2.13 Tower Street Traffic Regulation Order – Objection – *Head of Technical Services*
- 2.14 Westwood Way – Traffic Calming – *Head of Technical Services*
- 2.15 Hartlepool Railway Station Improvements – *Head of Technical Services*

3. **REPORTS FROM OVERVIEW OF SCRUTINY FORUMS**
None

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Report to Portfolio Holder
12th December, 2006



Report of: Director of Adult and Community Services

Subject RACE FOR LIFE (CANCER RESEARCH UK) EVENT

SUMMARY

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

To inform the Portfolio Holder of a proposed Race for Life (Cancer Research UK) Event to be staged in Hartlepool on Sunday, 17th June, 2007.

2.0 SUMMARY OF CONTENTS

Information on the background to the establishment of these events is given, as well as details on the proposed race to take place in Hartlepool.

3.0 RELEVANCE TO PORTFOLIO MEMBER

Culture, Leisure and Transportation Portfolio includes Sport and Recreation.

4.0 TYPE OF DECISION

Non-key.

5.0 DECISION MAKING ROUTE

Culture, Leisure and Transportation Portfolio, 12th December, 2006.

6.0 DECISION(S) REQUIRED

The Portfolio Holder is asked to support the staging of this significant event in Hartlepool and comments are invited.

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2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 Cancer is the cause of a quarter of all deaths in the UK and is the biggest single cause of death – around 155,000 people in the UK die from cancer each year. There are over 200 different types of cancer and more than one in three people in the UK will be diagnosed with the disease at some point in their lives. In Hartlepool it is one of the two major causes of premature death with death rates being 29% higher than national rates (SMR 2002-2004).
- 2.2 Cancer Research UK is the world's largest independent organisation dedicated to cancer research and the largest single funder of cancer research in the UK. The charity funds more than 3,000 scientists, doctors and nurses based throughout the UK and relies almost entirely on public donations to fund life-saving research.
- 2.3 As a fundraising event, Cancer Research UK's Race for Life was created in 1994, as a women-only event and has remained so due to its huge popularity and non-competitive atmosphere. This is a national series of 5km walks or runs with the emphasis on raising money for an important cause, as well as enjoying the experience of taking part rather than racing for prizes. As a result, it encourages and motivates women of all ages and fitness levels to take part and to date, more than 2 million women have taken part.
- 2.4 Organised by Cancer Research UK and supported by Tesco, Race for Life has grown to become the UK's biggest fundraising event, raising over £100 million to date for cancer research. During 2006, it is hoped that 750,000 women will take part in 230 scheduled races, raising £42 million. Every year, the number of women taking part grows, fundraising targets are broken and more funding for research purposes is provided.
- 2.5 Owing to our growing reputation for the staging of road race events in Hartlepool, we were recently approached by Cancer Research UK and asked to stage a Race for Life event during 2007. As this event links significantly with our aim of increasing participation in physical activity and health and well-being issues, Officers felt it was too good an opportunity to refuse, as Race for Life typically catches the imagination of those not

normally motivated, nor inclined to take part in exercise. Its attraction is that it is more about “doing something worthwhile”.

- 2.6 A high profile event of this nature would also have the impact of creating significant interest in Hartlepool. These are immensely popular events and will attract a large number of people as well as media interest in the town.

3. DETAILS OF THE EVENT

- 3.1 Discussions have taken place between Cancer Research UK and Officers from Community Services and Highways as well as Burn Road Harriers and Pansies, a women's cancer support group based in Hartlepool. As a result, a provisional date for the event of Sunday, 17th June, 2007 has been agreed with the race due to start at 11.00 am.
- 3.2 It is likely that the event will attract a possible maximum number of 2,000 participants as well as spectators and as such, will be the largest road race event that we will have held in Hartlepool. As a consequence, there will be a large reliance on volunteers to assist with the marshalling of the event and a need to consider the route and the congregation of such a large number of people carefully.
- 3.3 The proposed route for the 5km event is in a loop, starting 200 metres North of the Newburn Bridge car park, joining the carriageway on the bridge out to the North Shelter in Seaton Carew and then coming back on the promenade to Hartlepool. This will, however, require a road closure on the route out and Highways are engaged in discussions with the Traffic Liaison Committee and the Police concerning this. Early indications are that no difficulties are foreseen with this, although official confirmation is awaited.
- 3.4 It is intended that the main event area will be on the promenade itself allowing for the erection of a Start and Finish gantry, marquees, water stations, staging and portable toilets, as well as allowing for the provision of catering and first aid facilities. Car parking facilities would be provided at the Historic Quay and the land outside Jackson's Dock.
- 3.5 To allow for participants walking the route as well as running, it is estimated that the event will last for a maximum of 2 hours with the road closure only being necessary for one hour, as the promenade will be used for the route back into Hartlepool.
- 3.6 A full risk assessment for the event will be arranged by Cancer Research UK two weeks prior to the race taking place.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The vast majority of requirements for the event infrastructure will be provided by Cancer Research UK, as they are largely self-sufficient. The Council has, however, been asked to arrange for volunteers to marshal the course,

provide traffic management, litter pick and provide Fitness Instructors to lead the mass warm-up prior to the race commencing. We have also been asked to organise the catering concession. All signage, stewarding tabards and communications systems will be provided by Cancer Research on the day.

4.2 Normally there are costs associated with road closures. At the moment, discussions are ongoing with colleagues in Highways to determine what these are likely to be, although it is hoped that these will be waived, such is the significance of this event to Hartlepool.

4.3 As such, there are no other financial implications for the Council.

5. RECOMMENDATIONS

The Portfolio Holder is asked to support the staging of this significant event in Hartlepool and comments are invited.

CONTACT OFFICER: Pat Usher – Sport & Recreation Manager

Background Papers

CULTURE, LEISURE AND TRANSPORTATION PORTFOLIO

Report To Portfolio Holder
12th December 2006



Report of: Director of Adult and Community Services

Subject: DEVELOPMENT OF HORTICULTURAL PROJECT
AT WAVERLEY TERRACE

SUMMARY

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To inform the Portfolio Holder regarding a proposal to allocate allotment land at the Waverley Terrace site to Hartlepool Integrated Mental Health Services in order to develop a horticultural project involving service user volunteers.

2. SUMMARY OF CONTENTS

The Allotment Site at Waverley has recently been refurbished to create a new 13 plot site with a metal 2.4m vertical bar railing perimeter fence in order to address site security and improve the visual impact of the allotments in regards to the adjacent properties.

Hartlepool Integrated Mental Health Services have identified a group of Service User Volunteers who would like to develop an area of allotment land to grow fruit, vegetables and flowers. This produce would be used by their friends and families as well as being outlet to the local food co-operatives in the more disadvantaged areas of Hartlepool. This would have beneficial outcomes for the service users in terms of increased confidence, self esteem and skills development, as well as benefiting the wider community and supporting the healthy eating agenda.

Details of the proposal are provided together with a proposed site plan showing plots currently occupied (Appendix 1).

3. RELEVANCE TO PORTFOLIO MEMBER

Allotments are within the remit of the Culture, Leisure and Transportation Portfolio Holder.

4. TYPE OF DECISION

Non-key decision.

5. DECISION MAKING ROUTE

Culture, Leisure and Transportation Portfolio decision meeting, 12th December 2006.

6. DECISION(S) REQUIRED

That approval is given by the Portfolio Holder to establish a Horticultural Project in Hartlepool, subject to the required funding being acquired by the Hartlepool Integrated Mental Health Services Team.

Report of: Director of Adult and Community Services

Subject: DEVELOPMENT OF HORTICULTURAL PROJECT
AT WAVERLEY TERRACE

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To inform the Portfolio Holder regarding a proposal to allocate an area of allotment land at the Waverley Terrace site to Hartlepool Integrated Mental Health Services in order to develop a horticultural project involving service user volunteers.
- 1.2 The report gives an indication of the intended use of plot and an outline of the future plans identified by the Hartlepool Integrated Mental Health Services, should the application be successful.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Allotment Site at Waverley has recently been refurbished to create a new 13 plot site with a metal 2.4m vertical bar railing perimeter fence in order to address site security and improve the visual impact of the allotments in regards to the adjacent properties. This was in response to a decline over a number of years where the site popularity and occupancy deteriorated, due to high levels of anti-social behaviour and limited investment in the site.
- 2.2 Hartlepool Integrated Mental Health Services have identified a group of Service User Volunteers who would like to develop an allotment area to grow fruit, vegetables and flowers. This produce would be used by their friends and families as well as being outlet to the local food co-operatives in the more disadvantaged areas of Hartlepool. This would have beneficial outcomes for the service users in terms of increased confidence, self esteem and skills development, as well as benefiting the wider community and supporting the healthy eating agenda.
- 2.3 Evidence from other projects such as that run through Loughborough University in 2005 suggests that such projects can promote social inclusion in an individual classed as "Vulnerable" by increasing opportunities for social interaction, overcoming prejudice and stereotyping and allow "vulnerable" adults to make a valuable contribution to their community. In addition, the management of the allotment itself offers an opportunity for the service users to have some control over the running of the project.

3. DETAILS OF THE PROPOSAL

- 3.1 The project would involve the allocation of land at Waverley Terrace to be used by the Service Users and Volunteers. This area is identified on the Map as Area B and Area C. Area D would be retained as a shared area for vehicles for use by all of the site users. In the longer term it is hoped that Area E would be further used as allotment land.
- 3.2 The project would be supported by Tees Valley Wildlife Trust and Mental Health Matters. Diane Whitehead, Planning and Implementation Officer for Mental Health (Hartlepool Borough Council) would take on the role of Project Manager for this initiative.
- 3.3 The project directly contributes to a number of key actions within the Local Area Agreement for Hartlepool namely:-
 - LAA9 – Improved Health (Independence, well-being and choice)
 - LAA11 – To support vulnerable adults to exercise choice and control and retain dignity in all aspects of life
 - LAA12 – Mental well-being (promoting a positive approach to mental well-being)
 - LAA13 – Access to Services
 - LAA29 – Enrich individual lives, strengthen communities and improve where people live
 - LAA30 – Cultural and Leisure Services better meet the needs of the community, especially disadvantaged areas.
- 3.4 The site at Waverley offers an ideal central location for the allotment project. It will be situated adjacent to the newly refurbished allotments (Area A) which will be worked by experienced plot holders. The proposed allocated areas (B and C) offer opportunities for service users and volunteers to further develop the project and achieve positive outcomes. Area D will be retained as a general hard standing area for vehicles.
- 3.5 It is further hoped that the project will act as a catalyst to further investment in the site to assist in the general rejuvenation of the allotment site.
- 3.6 This project has the potential to highlight Hartlepool as an area of Best Practice as many such projects are based in the South of England. The development of a website alongside the project will allow interested parties to track development of the project as well as providing opportunities for other vulnerable adults with IT interests and skills to be involved in the project.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The Hartlepool Integrated Mental Health Services Team would seek funding from a range of sources to secure fencing, a shed, tools, seed produce as well as the development of a website for the project.

5. RECOMMENDATIONS

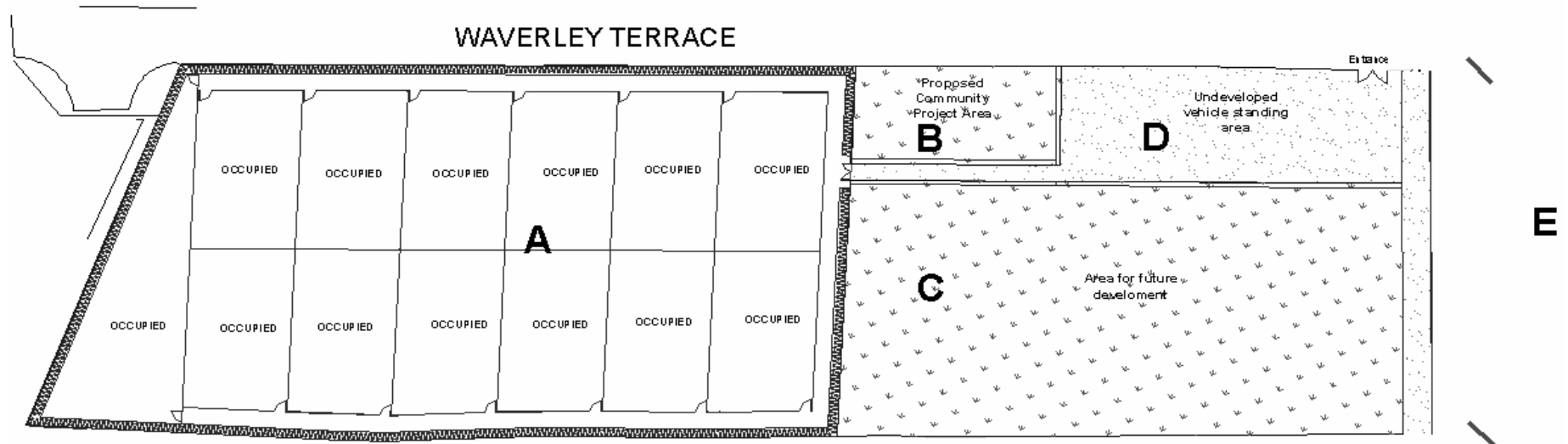
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CONTACT OFFICER: Andrew Pearson, Parks and Countryside Manager

Background Papers

Report to Culture, Housing and Transportation Portfolio, 7th September, 2005 – Development of Waverley Terrace Allotments.

Plan of the Site at Waverley Terrace showing area of proposed Community Project (Appendix 1)



CULTURE, LEISURE AND TRANSPORTATION PORTFOLIO

Report To Portfolio Holder
12th December 2006



Report of: Director of Adult and Community Services

Subject: ROSSMERE WAY PITCHES – RESIDENT SURVEY
RELATING TO NEW FENCING PROPOSALS AND
EXTENSION OF LAND USE

SUMMARY

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To inform the Portfolio Holder of the results of the recent resident survey undertaken in relation to a proposal submitted by St Francis 2000 FC relating to new fencing proposals and an extension of land use.

2. SUMMARY OF CONTENTS

St Francis 2000 FC were given a 25 year lease of Rossmere Way Recreation Ground in January, 2006 following approval given by the Portfolio Holder in April, 2005 and a successful planning application by Hartlepool Borough Council Community Services.

Due to the continued growth of the Club, particularly within its junior section, an application has been submitted to extend the lease in terms of the land occupied in order to accommodate an additional junior football pitch, as well as erecting a secure fence around the perimeter of the site. The Club has grown significantly since the existing lease was granted and this growth has been rewarded with the awarding of the status of FA Charter Standard (Community Club Status) – the first club in Hartlepool to be awarded this accreditation. This was achieved in October 2006.

A public consultation has been undertaken with 219 residential properties bordering Rossmere Way Recreation Ground receiving a copy of the proposed plans and an accompanying survey.

3. RELEVANCE TO PORTFOLIO MEMBER

Sport and Recreation issues are within the remit of the Culture, Leisure and Transportation Portfolio Holder.

4. TYPE OF DECISION

Non-key decision.

5. DECISION MAKING ROUTE

Culture, Leisure and Transportation Portfolio decision meeting, 12th December, 2006.

6. DECISION(S) REQUIRED

That the Portfolio Holder notes the results of the consultation undertaken and comments on the proposed extension of land use and the fencing proposals.

Report of: Director of Adult and Community Services

Subject: ROSSMERE WAY PITCHES – RESIDENT SURVEY
RELATING TO NEW FENCING PROPOSALS AND
EXTENSION OF LAND USE

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To inform the Portfolio Holder of the results of the recent resident survey undertaken in relation to a proposal submitted by St Francis 2000 FC relating to new fencing proposals and an extension of land use.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 St Francis 2000 FC were given a 25 year lease of Rossmere Way Recreation Ground in January, 2006 following approval given by the Portfolio Holder in April, 2005 and a successful planning application by Hartlepool Borough Council Community Services.
- 2.2 The Playing Pitch Strategy of March, 2004, which was approved by the Liveability Portfolio Holder on 27th May, 2004 identified that Rossmere Way Recreation Ground had inadequate pitches. It further identified that there was a need for expansion in this site and the Council would support this.
- 2.3 Due to the continued growth of the club, particularly within its junior section, an application has been submitted to extend the lease in terms of the land occupied in order to accommodate an additional junior football pitch and erect a fence around the new perimeter of the pitches. The Club has grown significantly since the existing lease was granted and this growth has been rewarded with the awarding of the status of FA Charter Standard (Community Club Status) – the first club in Hartlepool to be awarded this accreditation. This was achieved in October, 2006. The achievement of such an award was a condition of the lease being granted in the first instance.
- 2.4 The proposed extension to the lease is a separate matter and this report, therefore, looks at the acceptability of the extension of the formal recreation area within this locality.
- 2.5 A public consultation has been undertaken with 219 residential properties bordering Rossmere Way Recreation Ground receiving a copy of the proposed plans and an accompanying survey.

3. DETAILS OF THE PROPOSAL

- 3.1 St Francis 2000 FC wish to apply for an extension to their existing fence line to be replaced by a new fence line to allow the development of a further junior pitch as shown on the accompanying plan (**Appendix 1**).
- 3.2 That fencing, similar to that in appearance around St Teresa's Primary School is incorporated into the site.
- 3.3 That the current fence line at the rear of St Teresa's Infant School be extended to accommodate some portable cabins for use by St Francis 2000 FC as portable changing units.
- 3.4 That approval is given, in the longer term, for St Francis 2000 FC to pursue funding to provide permanent changing facilities in place of these portable cabins. It should be noted, however, that any building would be changing accommodation only and not a club house.
- 3.5 It should also be noted that the application for the extension will require the existing lease to be significantly amended, and this will be the subject of a future report to Performance Management Portfolio Holder. This will be undertaken should planning permission be obtained for the proposed extensions and the siting of portable cabins.

4. CONSULTATION FINDINGS

- 4.1 Of the 219 consultees, a total of 89 have returned responses. This represents a 41% response rate. 85% of those responding were satisfied that they had an awareness of the proposals in outline.
- 4.2 75% of respondents agreed, in principle, to extending the fence line to accommodate an extra junior pitch. Whilst there were some objections around residents wishing to retain dog walking land and walk used for general recreational purposes, the majority of respondents felt that the work that the Club do is very valuable to the community and that providing a more secure fence to the pitches will benefit the community, reduce dog fouling and reduce incidents of anti-social behaviour, such as illegal use of motorbikes on the pitches.
- 4.3 72% of respondents agreed with the plan to extend the land leased at the rear of the fields near St Teresa's School to provide changing accommodation, however, there were some fears expressed that these portable cabins provide a focal point for anti-social behaviour and the close proximity between the cabins and the schools. Your Officers believe that the inclusion of the current 'dead area' within the perimeter fence will actually overcome this problem.

- 4.4 72% of respondents indicated a level of support for the longer term proposal to build a more permanent changing facility, however, the fears regarding the location and the possible resulting anti-social behaviour was still an issue.
- 4.5 Overall, through the consultation and additional comments, support from the majority of the respondents was evident. However, a couple of themes that came through the consultation in this area and affecting this proposal was the possibility of an increased number of cars using the area and also general dog fouling in the area inside and outside of the fenced area. The new fence should overcome the dog fouling of the pitch and the club have negotiated weekend use of the Sure Start car park to the West, thus aiming to reduce parking issues (**Appendix 2**)

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The revised leasing arrangements would ensure that St Francis 2000 F.C. have responsibility for the erection of new fencing and the construction of any further structures on site in the future.

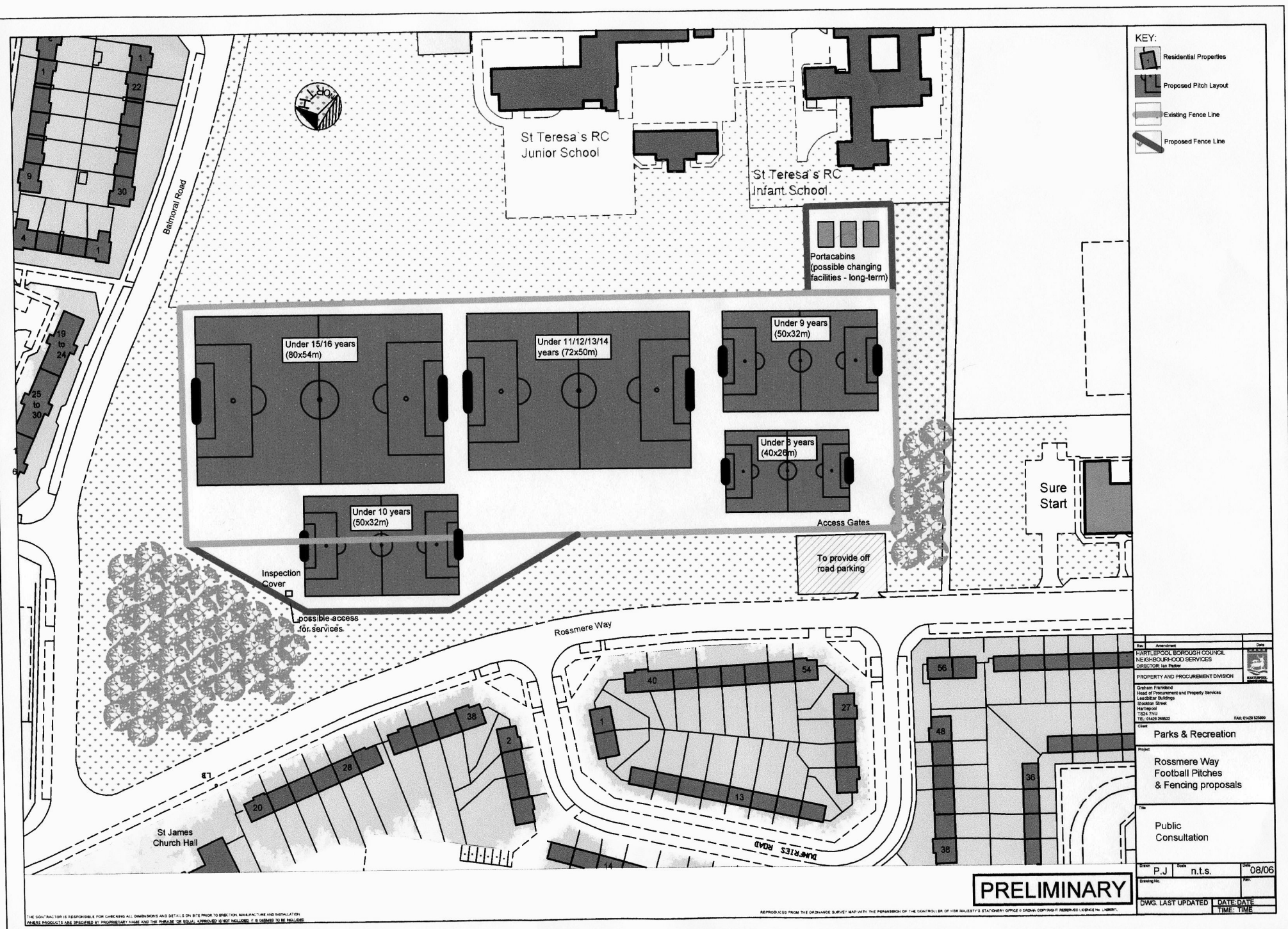
6. RECOMMENDATIONS

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CONTACT OFFICER: Andrew Pearson, Parks and Countryside Manager

Background Papers

1. Consultation Plan.
2. Letter to Residents dated 10th November, 2006.
3. Liveability (Safe, Clean and Green) Portfolio, 8th April, 2005.



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Comments

General Positive Comments

Council should help the junior football clubs i.e. help towards better changing rooms and sponsorships. More should be done to help the under 16's new facilities should just be a start.

Great for the kids.

I agree with all proposals as I think the work Mr Keith Everett does in his own time, he keeps the children off the streets. He deserves a medal for all his hard work and I agree with the fence to keep it free of dog fouling as the children have to play on the field and train.

I feel that there should also be facilities to serve/provide hot food and drink. At the present time not many parents/carers are taking responsibility for their children.

These parents/carers are taking responsibilities, taking an interest in their child's hobby, encouraging them and supporting them in a health hobby. They should be applauded not punished.

Keep the dog walkers off, £100 fines for not cleaning up, also in Rossmere Park.

Any facilities that offer the children and youths more opportunities to interact and be occupied in a positive manner can only be of benefit for us as the community.

I hope the fence will be high enough because when they fenced it in for rugby, people used to lift their dogs over to do their jobs and a man had to go on before a match with a bucket and scoop to clean it up. I am an animal lover but I also love sport.

It is nice to look out of my window and see football not dogs fouling on the grass.

Over a hundred children of different ages, boys and girls play football and train on Rossmere field and it would be a shame not to see St Francis plans for the future achieved. Most communities in other towns would be jealous of the setup they have at St Francis and plough a lot of funding into these types of schemes.

The council should be giving them their full support and helping more with the improvements of the field not like you did with the swimming baths which my children attended which is just left empty.

Good to see youngsters enjoying themselves playing and training for football. A fence keeps the dogs off the field and also motorbikes. The more we can do to encourage the children to do sport the better.

Good idea for the children to be involved in sports activity prevents dog fouling.

I am pro Sport

Portable changing cabins need to be provided to bring the football facilities up to the standard the teams receive from away games. The facilities at home are non-existent and are a poor reflection on the St Francis football teams.

Anything in sport for the young must be good.

Loss Of Green Space Concerns

Please keep playing field as a dog free area.

I vigorously object to any changes to the field. This is directly in front of my front window and I object to looking at an 8ft fence every day. This should be rejected out of hand and any changes stopped once and for all. This is not for the good of Rossmere residents and will attract all sorts. Why stop the majority using the field for the minority.

You are cutting off the green walking area near the trees on the left hand side, this should not be done, we use this place for walking.

Will it affect dog walking areas and dog waste bins if so where are our dogs supposed to exercise?

Car Parking Concerns

Let them have the football pitches as long as they have somewhere to park instead of outside of my house.

I object to any further changes to the land in total in Rossmere Way.

If this is agreed it will just add to the parking on the main bus route on match and training days.

Why stop the majority or people using the area for a few. The fence will be an eye sore.

My only concern is the allocated parking area. I do feel like this is very limited as Rossmere Way can be very congested during match days and Dumfries Road can be very difficult to exit.

Every effort should be made to prevent parking on Rossmere Way.

Maybe in your plans you could include somewhere for all of the cars to park, because down Rossmere Way the cars are parked on both sides of the road and it makes it difficult for getting in and out of our homes. They even park on the end of the junction to our street.

Yes I think you should take some of the land from St Teresa's school because it will create more noise from the spectators and people playing football and also parking problems, we have enough with people using the church.

Because of the support the children get from the parents. I think more off road parking should be made for the cars.

More pitches – More cars. Traffic is a BIG problem now I suggest you find a better place, not near a main road.

Every Sunday at present is a nightmare down Rossmere Way, someone is going to be hurt. My driveway is constantly blocked by irresponsible parkers. The parking area allocated is not big enough so nothing will change.

We already have a problem with cars parking along Rossmere Way with Surestart and present football pitches there in no respite all this will do is make a bad situation worse. Let the football be played somewhere else enough is enough!

It is an accident waiting to happen due to the ridiculous parking at present weekends and Sundays are even worse due to church parking. Parking which you propose is not going to be anywhere near adequate, vandals on top of the huts at night damaging school property, exciting. Dumfries Road is a nightmare mainly on Sundays etc. etc. etc.

The problem with parking needs to be looked at as it has been a problem for some residents parking on the grass.

Rossmere is not big enough to hold the amount of traffic the club brings with them; even with a car park it is very dangerous. The people who run the club have no respect for anyone, they are abusive and aggressive towards our children and residents of Rossmere we have had the police out a number of times.

I would have to see that it would look like for the changing rooms, and it will cause littering after games. What we don't want is people parking in 'our' parking areas outside our houses etc. More pitches mean more parents and cars. How many cars will the car park hold?

I would like to see more parking facilities as Rossmere Way gets very congested on match days.

Unhappy with proposed car parking site as too many major access on Rossmere Way already i.e. Surestart, Dumfries Road, Youth Centre etc, and near to access path to nursery, surestart and Rossmere school.

General Concerns

Why does he need an extension to the field he doesn't use the field to its full capacity now. He never has all of the pitches in use at one time. As for the fence there is nothing wrong with the fence that is already there. The only thing is where people are climbing over it to get onto the field because he keeps the gate locked. The porter cabins he has sited he says are used for changing purposes he is actually using one for selling tea, coffee and food.

I do not want the field fenced off so my young children cannot play on it. I do not want a high fence outside my house it will be unsightly. I do not want permanent changing facilities because the portable cabins that are there now are used for making food, which I am sure they have no licence for.

In response to your recent letter, I think the set up of the field and facilities at the moment are ok there doesn't seem to be any problems apart from St Francis (trainers) who have padlocked the gates to what I thought was a recreational area to be used by the footballers and local children. St Francis seems to think that the land belongs to them.

I think that the extension of the land and the higher fence will look an eyesore.

Not only to residents from the area but also to any passing public etc.

Local children some as young as young as 5 years old used to play on this field, now if they go on they are turned away by Francis using bully boy tactics and threats, now they have no place to play apart from Rossmere park which is secluded by trees, local parents cannot see where their kids are let alone who they are talking to.

The high fence in my opinion would act as a wind tunnel down Rossmere Way and would look very unsightly.

The proposal also takes away more green area not only by extending the pitch but also the proposed car parking space, this would not work as most cars want to be away from the pitch as soon as possible after the game so they would park on Rossmere Way or the grass as they do now.

Changing facilities would no doubt attract more vandalism and yobbish behaviour from youths who are not from this area but are intent on causing aggravation; these yobs would scale the fence for fun.

One Saturday morning I walked on the field to exercise my dog and I was met with a barrage of verbal abuse and threats from a trainer who told me to stay off his land, I was purely and simply taking my dog for a run out. The threatening manner that I was met with was so severe that I contacted the police who visited this man and he received a warning. I have enclosed a letter that explains this situation.

I will object to any plans put forward by St Francis if it means that the field will be locked to the residents and the public as the field is used all the time by the residents and the public in the summer.

If it is not locked I will have no objections to the plans for the fence. To my knowledge the field is a designated green belt so I object to the grass being replaced by concrete as in the off road parking.

I also think the field is big enough for their need as it is.

It is time something is done for the O.A.P the O.A.P take their dogs on the field and they clean up after them. When the kids play football they leave all their rubbish behind. We have the youth centre, we have the nursery that is all we want in this area. Why can't they go to the wreck and play? We have had prisoners of war on the wreck you have had circuses on the wreck so I can't see why the kids cannot go on there and play football on there, it is big enough.

Dog Fouling

I feel the council have a duty to care for the safety and well being of all these children and a fence would go a long way to achieve this. My children play adjacent to the trees on Rossmere fields and the dog fouling is terrible many dog owners just don't pick up after themselves even when there is a bin provided. St Francis and the volunteers deserve the support of the local community and the council for all the hard work that they do.

Anti Social Behaviour Concerns

Need more lighting to stop groups of youths gathering around porter cabins at night.

Changing Area Concerns

I would suggest that the changing rooms should be placed near to the proposed parking space on Rossmere Way or on the spare ground near the trees on Balmoral Road. I am sure this would be beneficial both for security reasons and for the emergency services.

Portable cabins have always been there, who give them permission to put them there. They have never been used as changing rooms; one of the cabins is used as a café to sell food. Putting a high fence up will make it dangerous for children because they will find a way of getting over the fence and one of them will end up hurt or losing a finger like the young boy who lost his finger last year climbing over a fence. Kids need somewhere here to play don't take the field away from them.

Unhappy with these proposals as eventually it will lead to a 'CLUBHOUSE'.

Schools Concerns

The positioning of the porter cabins so close to a nursery and infant school is not a good idea! Why not next to the car park which would make more sense especially for the users of the facility.

As a foundation governor at St. Teresa's I am concerned about the location of the changing units being too close to the rear of the Infants buildings.

I strongly oppose the aforementioned proposal on the grounds that:

- The existing cabins are frequented by drug users and those inhaling solvents.
- Used syringes, spray can and alcoholic bottles/cans are regularly thrown into the grounds of St Teresa's school.
- Bricks and stones have also been thrown and windows broken.
- Outdoor nursery play house has also been vandalised and broken into.
- Nursery staff have had to endure verbal abuse particularly in the summer time by youths who spend their afternoons on top of the cabins

Ps. I obviously wouldn't have these objections if the cabins were sited away from the school perimeter.