WELCOME

WHAT IS TODAY’S EVENT ABOUT?

We’re often told that there’s not enough for young people and adults to do for fun, leisure and recreation in Harrow.

We at Harrow Council have received some money from the developers of the Kodak industrial site, known technically as “Section 106 funding”. The money must be used to improve the amount and the quality of sports and leisure facilities nearby.

This gives us the opportunity to improve the facilities at Bannister Sports Centre – including a new artificial pitch that local people and clubs can use. There’s also a proposal for another outdoor recreational use for the site – a new 18-hole adventure mini-golf course.

Please have a look at the proposals and let us know your views.

HOW WE ARE INVOLVING YOU

Today is a chance to see the proposals for the site, meet the team and ask them any questions you may have.

Please do complete a feedback form and leave us your contact details if you would like to be kept informed as the projects develop.

Questions about the projects or want to provide additional feedback?

Contact Harrow Council at sportandleisure@harrow.gov.uk
Visit www.buildingabetterharrow.co.uk
HOW WE’RE APPROACHING THE SITE

Improving sports pitches to the east and west fields of Bannister Sports Centre
We will create two full-size pitches on the east field, as well as a 7-a-side and a 9-a-side pitch on the west field to improve the facilities for adult and junior football. The new pitches will meet the requirements of Sport England and approved FA standards.

Management of the Sports Pitches and Hours of Use
Everyone Active will manage the sports pitches as our leisure contract operator. The pitches will be available to hire via Everyone Active’s website or calling the centre.

Environmentally friendly upgrade to the sports pitches
The main issue with the current pitches is one of poor drainage which makes the pitches unplayable in wet conditions, so the first step of construction will require the importation of soil to lift the current land form to create a suitable base to build a well-draining football pitch. This process will take around 7 months. This style of construction is very popular because of its environmentally friendly use of locally recycled soils.

Pitch Construction
All four brand new pitches will have an FA approved drainage system installed on top of their newly constructed bases, plus a laser levelled playing service. Each pitch will take approx. 8 weeks to construct, with a further 12 months growing-in period. The pitches will be constructed two-at-a-time.

Construction Management
The soil importation phase will take 7 months and follow a plan agreed with The Highways Authority.
WHO WILL USE THE 3G PITCH?

The 3G pitch will be especially useful as a training and coaching facility for local teams and the community.

Unlike the grass pitches, it can be used year-round and in poor weather, benefitting adult, junior and youth football clubs, partner organisations and community groups in Harrow.

The 3G pitch will be marked out to support football for a range of ages – from adult 11-aside to youth 9-a-side and mini-soccer pitches. Pitch markings will end 3 metres from the fences, to keep down noise and ball impacts.

FLOODLIGHTING

Bannister Sports Centre is already floodlit. We are proposing some extra floodlights to allow use of the 3G pitch in winter and evenings.

The new floodlights would be very different to the existing ones. They are much more modern in design – they are slimline and point downwards. That means they create very little light pollution and sky glow by comparison with older models.

Control switches and time clocks will be installed to ensure the floodlights do not remain on when the pitch is empty or past the permitted curfew hour. The floodlight hours of operation will be determined through the planning application process, based on their location in an outer suburban area.
PITCH DESIGN AND LANDSCAPING

The pitch will be surfaced with 3G artificial green coloured grass. The visual appearance will be similar to existing fine sports turf and in keeping with a playing field environment.

The steel mesh fence surrounding the 3G pitch will be 4.5m high and dark green in colour. There is also a plan to keep noise down. Neoprene rubber washers will be fitted between the mesh and every fence post, reducing noise by cutting out rattle and vibration when balls hit the fence.

There will be a green storage facility inside the 3G pitch fence to store sporting equipment.

CONSTRUCTION MANAGEMENT

To protect the amenity of local residents the proposed times of construction, demolition and site clearance will comply with Harrow Council’s Considerate Contractors Code of Conduct.

The code of conduct states that noisy building work should not take place:
• before 8am and after 6pm Monday to Friday
• before 8am and after 1pm on Saturdays
• on Sundays or Bank Holidays
Adventure Experience Ltd is proposing something fun for all the family – an 18-hole adventure mini-golf course, provided by their experienced design team.

This is proposed for the underused grass area immediately to the west of the entrance to Bannister Sports Centre.

As well as 18 holes of challenging hazards, players will also have to contend with near life-size dinosaurs that move and roar, a Jurassic-style waterfall and a blood-red lagoon.

A planning application was submitted for the golf course a couple of months ago, and we have been looking carefully at the feedback.

A gas main was identified running across parts of the site. The course and the car park have been designed to stay clear of the gas main exclusion zones. The designs have also taken into account tree roots to ensure root protection areas.
The Adventure Golf facility will have dedicated parking to the west of the entrance to the Bannister Sports Centre site. 50 spaces will be available for use by Adventure Golf users. On weekends and Bank Holidays a car park attendant will be on duty to manage the car park. In the unlikely event that the Adventure Golf parking fills up, users will be able to access the Bannister Sports Centre parking.

Right now, cars park on an area of unmarked Tarmac, which has the space for around 40 cars and occasionally school coaches. The grassed area to the west of the site entrance has been used to accommodate overflow car parking when events are held at the Athletics track. These plans will turn the Tarmac area into a formal car park, with marked spaces. There are also plans to add two more marked hardstanding car park areas further north on the site, closer to the sports pitches, and to add space for cars to circulate, drop off and turn.

In total, the car parks will have formal spaces for 73 cars (including 4 accessible spaces), 2 coaches or mini-buses and 3 motorcycles. A new, dedicated pedestrian route will be provided through the site and a new cycle park (coloured blue) will provide additional parking for as many as 20 bicycles and motorcycles. Should the Sports Centre become very busy, and the car parks become full, then the grassed area to the north of the athletics track will be used as an overflow car park.
It’s not too late to comment on the Adventure Experience Ltd Mini-Golf planning application. Visit Harrow Council’s planning pages and use planning reference number P/0672/18.

Leave your contact details with us on the feedback form and we can keep you informed as the projects develop. All project information, including the board displays will be shared on www.buildingabetterharrow.co.uk under ‘Community’, where you can provide your feedback. Please make sure you do this no later than Tuesday 5 June.