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Reference: IGF/22974 EIR

1 October 2020

Dear Mr Galloway,

Please see below the response to your enquiry under the ***Environmental Information Regulations (EIR) received on 25th August 2020.***

Regarding Kingsway West MUGA replacement received on 25 August 2020.

- *Request point 1: On the 18th March 2019 the Council's Executive agreed to provide a replacement for the Kingsway West Multi User Games Area which has been demolished as part of a project to extend Lincoln Court.*

The minute read;

"a ii) To note that in approving Option 1 a commitment is made for alternative recreational facilities following community consultation including Sport England within Westfield Ward in mitigation for the loss of the Multi Use Games Area. The alternative facilities provided are to be agreed by Executive and will be subject to a further report and budget approval."

Please provide a copy of any subsequent reports relating to this item. Please include copies of any letters, emails, telephone or conversation transcripts relevant to the undertaking given within the Executive decision.

Response: No reports have been published relating to this item. I have been working with Cllr. Andrew Waller and Cllr. Simon Daubeney on finding a suitable venue and management of a new

multi-use games area within the Westfield Ward to replace the one that has been lost due to the Lincoln Court redevelopment.

Please find copies of emails (attached below) relating to the multi-use games area.

Cllr. Andrew Waller email to York Acorn ARLFC - 6 July 2020.

Paul Ramskill email to York Acorn – 30 July 2020.

Cllr. Simon Daubeney email to Cllr. Darryl Smalley regarding the Multi-Use Games Area– 31 July 2020.

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- *Request point 2: Please confirm details of when and where the promised replacement facilities will be provided.*

Response: No Executive report has been produced to date.
Therefore, this information is not recorded.

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Fax: 01625 524 510

Or email: casework@ico.org.uk (please include your telephone number)

Yours sincerely,



Paul Ramskill

Community Sports Development Manager

Please find attached emails in relation to the above:

Cllr. Andrew Waller email to York Acorn ARLFC - 6 July 2020.

From: Cllr. A. Waller <cllr.awaller@york.gov.uk>

Sent: 06 July 2020 16:26

To: *****

Cc: Ramskill, Paul; Cllr. S. Daubeney <cllr.sdaubeney@york.gov.uk>

Subject: Copy of letter

Dear *****,

I have been forwarded correspondence from yourself to Paul Ramskill which looks encouraging for making progress with the local allocation of resources for a replacement MUGA in compensation for the one which will be lost at Kingsway West with the expansion of Lincoln Court.

As requested please find attached the letter which I hand delivered in March 2019 to get the discussions going with regards the MUGA.

I hope that we can keep in touch, along with Cllr Daubeney to help the project, and indeed the club as more activities come out of lockdown.

Kind regards,

Andrew

Cllr Andrew Waller
Westfield Ward
Tel 01904 337757

Attached Below Letter from Email.



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24/03/19

Acorn Rugby Club
Thanet Road
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Dear *****,

Multi Use Games Area

I was given your name as a relevant contact for discussions on whether the club would be interested to host the replacement MUGA (Multi Use Games Area) which will be a substitute to the one which is being lost in Kingsway West due to the expansion of Lincoln Court Care Home.

I have been very keen to make sure that our area did not lose recreational space for young people, and Sport England have been very supportive of this through their objections during the Planning process for the care home changes. The council's Executive agreed that there would be a replacement (paid for by the council) within the Westfield Ward and I hope that a more modern version of this (the current one is tarmac and not in good condition) would be something which would improve the activities for young people in our area.

I would be happy to come and meet the club to discuss this further, and discussions would need to take place with council officer to take it further.

Kind regards,

Councillor Andrew Waller

Paul Ramskill email to York Acorn – 30 July 2020.

From: Ramskill, Paul

Sent: 30 July 2020 16:05

To: *****

Cc: Cllr. S. Daubeney <cllr.sdaubeney@york.gov.uk>; Cllr. A. Waller <cllr.awaller@york.gov.uk>

Subject: RE: York Acorn - MUGA

Hi *****, thanks for your email and apologies for my delay in responding back. Please find below some answers / thoughts to the questions you posed.

If all this is something that the club is happy with progressing I know Cllr. Waller was interested in publishing a press release that said we are in serious discussions with the club to find a home for the MUGA, so if you are happy we can get something drawn up?

Cllr. Daubeney is also interested in the concept of an outdoor gym, separately fenced with a suitable soft surface, should funds allow.

It might be good for us to meet up, but I will let you take this information back to the club, so you can let me know their thoughts?

Thanks

Paul

Paul Ramskill | Community Sports Development Manager

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From: *****

Sent: 29 July 2020 16:13

To: Cllr. A. Waller <cllr.awaller@york.gov.uk>

Cc: Ramskill, Paul; Cllr. S. Daubeney <cllr.sdaubeney@york.gov.uk>

Subject: York Acorn - MUGA

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Good Afternoon,

Following my email below sent on 6th July how would you like to progress this discussion so we can move forward the potential of locating the MUGA on the York Acorn grounds?

I look forward to speaking with you.

Many Thanks

Hi Paul,

Thanks for your response, very much appreciated.

I am unable to locate the letter that was passed to ***** so if we can obtain a duplicate from the councillor I will communicate with him to enable the arrangements MUGA to progress.

The club are very interested in the principle of locating the MUGA, if we can control the access. Great news... we have already received interest from Netball Teams if the MUGA was to go ahead.

We have the following questions:

- * Timescales of receiving the instruction to proceed? It's too early to say, but Cllr's would be looking post September 2020, once Lincoln Court has opened, this gives us some time to progress all of the options.
- * Who would fund the installation of the MUGA? The works would be funded by the City of York Council. I would hope that we could also apply to the Rugby League World Cup, to support the installation costs too.
- * Who would be responsible for the up keep? Sinking etc. We would expect York Acorn to have a sinking fund in place funded from the hire of the facility.
- * Would the MUGA be tarmac or astroturf? This would be explored and costed.
- * Would York Acorn tender the works? If so, would you provide a specification? The City of York Council would control the works, with the support of the club.
- * Opening and Closing arrangement? Could York Acorn manage the access, as it would be located within our fenced boundary? We would not want it open to the public as it could encourage vandalism / youths congregating / anti social behaviour etc. Yes, we would want to see public access, the opening and closing would be managed by York Acorn, We discussed the possibility of having CCTV to cover this area too?

* Can the club charge for others to use the space (for example: Netball Teams to train play games)? Yes, as this would be used to generate the sinking fund.

* Would York City Council promote the use of the MUGA - Community Groups / Schools etc? Yes, we would. I think what we need to produce here is a 'this is what a week would / could look like' a suggested timetable as such. I can help to draw one of these together.

Thanks

On 06 July 2020 at 16:26 "Cllr. A. Waller" <cldr.awaller@york.gov.uk> wrote:

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Andrew

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Cllr. Simon Daubeney email to Cllr. Darryl Smalley regarding the Multi-Use Games Area – 31 July 2020.

From: Cllr. S. Daubeney <cldr.sdaubeney@york.gov.uk>
Sent: 31 July 2020 16:52
To: Cllr. D. Smalley <cldr.dsmalley@york.gov.uk>
Cc: Cllr. A. Waller <cldr.awaller@york.gov.uk>; Ramskill, Paul
Subject: Multi-Use Games Area: MUGA

Dear Darrell

I thought it would be helpful to let you know Andrew and I are working with Paul Ramskill to establish a replacement MUGA at the Rugby Club in Thanet Road. They seem very positive about the idea in principle subject of course to conditions. On the 'build back better' principle, I hope we can also incorporate an outdoor gym into the scheme too so local youngsters can occupy themselves being competitive over the number of pull-ups etc, they can achieve. Thus encouraging an active, healthy outdoor lifestyle on several fronts.

Andrew has provided us with the Executive minute from March 2019, committing the council to the replacement of the MUGA after the former one was incorporated into the Lincoln Court extension, and you can see that from this link:

<https://democracy.york.gov.uk/ieIssueDetails.aspx?IId=55378&PlanId=0&Opt=3#AI51491>

The other attachment (from Paul) gives an approximate cost of £160k for a MUGA alone, but this will be firmed-up as our discussion progress with the RI progress.

I thought it would be helpful to make you aware at this stage in order for you to consider how it will be funded. Both Andrew and I are determined that this new facility in Westfield will be a real asset to the local community, encourage healthy outdoor sport for individuals and clubs as well as being an asset of which the council may be justly proud.

With very best regards,

Simon Daubeney

Cllr. Simon Daubeney

Liberal Democrat Councillor for Westfield Ward

cllr.sdaubeney@york.gov.uk

Attached Below two attachments from email 'Issues' and 'Facility Costs Q2-20.pdf'.

From: Cllr. A. Waller <cllr.awaller@york.gov.uk>

Sent: 16 July 2020 10:08

To: Ramskill, Paul

Cc: Cllr. S. Daubeney <cllr.sdaubeney@york.gov.uk>

Subject: FW: Issues

Dear Paul,

Thank you for your time this morning to review where we are at with discussions with Acorn Rugby Club with the re-provision of the MUGA from Kingsway West.

The Executive Minute is as below which commits to the replacement of the facility;

<https://democracy.york.gov.uk/ie/IssueDetails.aspx?IId=55378&PlanId=0&Opt=3#AI51491>

Kind regards,

Andrew

As the document is a pdf I have attached the link to the same document:



Facility Costs
Q2-20.pdf

<https://sportengland-production-files.s3.eu-west-2.amazonaws.com/s3fs-public/2020-07/Facility%20Costs%20Q20.pdf?CQuX5QTCbOOIck0GmT4Efb4VePsApTh4>

Paul Ramskill email to York Acorn ARLFC following site visit – 20 August 2020.

From: Ramskill, Paul

Sent: 20 August 2020 15:56

To: *****

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Cc: Cllr. A. Waller <cllr.awaller@york.gov.uk>; Cllr. S. Daubeney <cllr.sdaubeney@york.gov.uk>
Subject: York Acorn - MUGA 17 August Site Visit Notes

Hi Everyone,

It was good to meet you all on Monday at York Acorn. Please find a few notes and actions from the meeting as a way of moving forward:

All agreed the best site for the MUGA to be adjacent to the car park to the South East of the site. PR to produce a York Map estimate of the space available. Blue bordered space is approximately 45m x 25m total area would be 1125 sqm and the red bordered space 45m x 30m totalling 1350 sqm.

The Hob Moor MUGA is approx. 25m x 30m therefore 750sqm, so we have enough space to comfortably fit a comparable sized facility.

From the most recent Sport England costings a MUGA of 782 sqm costs circa £160,000 this price includes flood lighting and fencing. Going on the basis of a slightly larger installation than the Hob Moor MUGA (increase approximately by a third) 30m x 35m totalling 1050 sqm at £204.60 per sqm, we would be looking at a figure of £214,830 which doesn't include any other works that might be necessary.



PR to contact a number of companies to get a ball park figure from them of costings given the sizes quoted above. Please let me know if this is what you would still like me to progress with. I will also speak to procurement regarding this, and that this is the right process to go through at this stage.

Cllr. Daubeney to progress his conversation with Cllr. D. Smalley regarding the funds for the development.

Cllr. Waller to forward details of grants for energy saving regarding the replacement of the boiler and heating system to ***** at York Acorn.

Thanks everyone.

Paul

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