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Hi [REDACTED]

MOU response below Interesting this one, as we do support provision of a 3G here and need to show support here, but in all reality, how can an organisation that has no tenure on a site apply for planning permission and we'll end up pushing for the replacement facility elsewhere, as stated in the PPS

Bracknell to follow

Kind regards

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#### NGB Response

Site Name & Address	Faraday Stadium, Faraday Road Newbury RG14 2AD		
LA Ref Number	20/01966/COMIND	Sport England Reference	PA/20/SE/WB/56404
Web Link	<a href="https://publicaccess.westberks.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=externalDocuments&amp;keyVal=QFMGUYRD0HE00">https://publicaccess.westberks.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=externalDocuments&amp;keyVal=QFMGUYRD0HE00</a>		
Proposal	Renewal and expansion of the existing football pitch		
Potential Impact			
New 3G AGP			
Advice Sought			
Based on previous conversions - I assume the replacement is the priority, and that FF will not be funding this?			
Date Response Required	12/09/2020		
To Be Completed by NGB/Consultee			
Organisation:	FF		
Officer Name:		Role	

## Response to Advice Sought

The PPS and LFFP highlights the need for 7 full size 3G pitches in West Berkshire and identified need in Newbury.

There are a number of clubs in the local area, three of which have been actively involved in the project through the Newbury Community Football Group. The Newbury Community Football Group was officially formed in 2016 to support and champion the provision of football for all in the local community, mainly as a result of the proposed development of Faraday Road. The group is made up of: Newbury Football Club (1 team), Newbury Ladies (2 teams), AFC Newbury Boys & Girls (15 teams), AFC Newbury Colts (16 teams), Newbury District Primary Schools Football Association along with support from other local businesses and political parties.

Football Foundation, on behalf of The FA support the NCFG in their aspirations to develop the site and are in full support of a full size 3G pitch. We would need to see a usage programme, which justified the need for the additional 3G pitches on the site. It may be that demand locally just supports 1 full size 3G FTP and the other pitches should be natural grass. Although there is need for a number of 3G pitches in West Berkshire, there may be more suitable options to provide a geographical spread. We would need evidence that the Business Plan for the site would support this number of 3G pitches and sufficient income was generated to provide sinking fund, maintenance etc, to ensure the facilities are sustainable.

In relation to the 3G pitch proposals, we would need the following technical guidance to be followed, as there's very limited technical information provided. Also, the Block Plan just shows 1 3G pitch, but there's 4 listed in the D&A Statement. There doesn't appear to be goal recesses either.

- **Construction Quality** – Ensure the pitch is constructed to the FIFA Quality Concept for Football Turf – FIFA Quality (old FIFA 1\*) accreditation or equivalent International Match Standards (IMS) as a minimum and meets the recommended pitch size of (including run-offs) 100x(106m) x 64m(70m).
- **Testing** – That the 3G pitch is tested and subsequently FA registered on completion and then every three years for grassroots football and every 1 year for football in the National League System. This will enable the 3G to be used for league matches and therefore help the 3G pitch to be used to its maximum potential by programming matches at peak times.
- **Pricing** - Pricing policies must be affordable for grass roots football clubs and should be agreed with the local County Football Association. This should include match-rates at weekends equivalent to the Local Authorities price for natural turf pitches.
- **Sinking fund** - Ensure that sinking funds (formed by periodically setting aside money over time ready for surface replacement when required – FA recommend £25k per annum (in today's market for a full size pitch) are in place to maintain 3G pitch quality in the long term

### Design:

- **General** – 3G AGP needs to be in line with FA recommendation but should be checked against The FA Guide to Football Turf Pitch Design Principles and Layouts.
- **Line marking** – We recommend that over-marking are made to allow different formats of football (e.g. 5v5, 7v7, 9v9 and 11v11). Over-marking should adhere to The FA Guide to Football Turf Pitch Design Principles and Layouts and can be painted on.
- **Recessed fencing** – We recommend that the fencing is recessed to allow for safe and easy goal storage.
- **Fence height** – The FA recommend fence height on all sides of the a 3G AGP is 4.5m.
- **Run-off** - A minimum safety run off 3m should be provided.

Yours sincerely,

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