

APPENDIX 8

LETTERS OF SUPPORT

Badminton England

Bishop's Stortford Running Club

Bishop's Stortford Swimming Club

British Judo

Crosskeys Netball Club

England Netball

Hadleigh Park

Hertfordshire Archery Association

Hertfordshire Cricket

Saffron Hawks Netball Club

Stortford Gymnastics

Stortford Snipers (basketball)

UK Ultimate

08th July 2016

Dear Sir or Madam,

Re: Letter of Support for The Herts & Essex High School and Science College

I am writing to offer support on behalf of Badminton England for the proposed plans for The Herts & Essex High School and Science College sports hall. East Hertfordshire is a local authority area which is currently identified in Badminton England's National Facilities Strategy 2012-2016 as a Priority One area for the development of additional court capacity. Selection is based on statistical analysis of sports hall availability, population, market segmentation and empirical evidence from regions. Priority One areas are those where Badminton England is already working, and which therefore have the greater potential for growth.

Investment in facilities is absolutely vital to growing the game. Increased numbers of participants will require increased court-time. Through a combination of constructing new courts and increased access to existing courts, our National Facilities Strategy seeks to ensure that the appropriate level of court-time can be secured to attract new participants and retain them within the sport. The quality of facilities has a direct impact on satisfaction with a sporting experience in general, and badminton is no exception. In the 2011 Badminton Facility Needs Survey, the quality or type of floor, the positioning or level of lighting and the colour of walls were all cited as issues which could significantly reduce the quality of the experience when playing badminton. Investment to alleviate these problems will improve satisfaction for badminton participants.

By providing a 5-court hall to a high quality specification as part of The Herts & Essex High School and Science College sports hall development this will further enhance the opportunities and experience for its users, ensuring that young people and adults who use the facility will continue to use it on a regular basis, generating revenue for the centre and positively contributing to the health and wellness of the local population.

Yours sincerely,

Nick Cartwright
Partnerships Manager – Central Region
Badminton England

24 MAR 2017



Sawbridgeworth,
Herts (.
21st March 2017.

Mrs C Tooze,
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Dear Cathy, Re: Letter of Support for Hertfordshire & Essex High School and Science College

Many thanks for arranging the meeting last week to show us the future plans for the sports facilities at The Hertfordshire & Essex High School and Science College.

I think the planned facilities will offer the residents of Bishops Stortford a much improved set of sports and exercise facilities, which will no doubt lead to a healthier local population in due course. From the Bishop's Stortford Running Club's perspective, we can see several opportunities in the proposed facilities for our members.

Firstly I think it would help if I explain our membership profile and our activities.

Membership Profile.

We have 60+ children, boys and girls, from age 9 years to age 17 years, and we take children of all abilities. Our adult members, men and women, are from age 18 years on to 70+. We have about 130 women and 120 men members, and about 100+ members of both sexes over the age of 50. We take adults of all abilities. We have several coaches who have attained England Athletics and British Triathlon Federation qualifications.

BSRC Activities.

We are involved in both running activities and multisport activities.

The running activities include road running, cross-country, hill and fell running.

Multisport activities include Triathlon, Duathlon and Aquathon, as well as adventure events.

We have formal training sessions each week carried out by our club coaches. These sessions include junior children training, interval training, endurance training, swimming training, bike turbo and paced groups of both runners and cyclists.

We also run a Beginners Class every summer, introducing 20 to 30 adults to running.

So we are very interested in the development all your facilities, and in particular the running track and the Sports Centre.

The AstroTurf is also good for interval training, especially if it has lights during the winter.

The sports hall is ideal for conditioning (core strength, bike turbo, general gym) training.

The car parking area would also be helpful for us to use when we host races at our clubhouse.

Please feel free to come back to me with any questions you may have,

Yours Faithfully,
Ian McClymont,
Secretary BSRC.

29 JUN 2016

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27 June 2016

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Dear Cathy

Sports Facilities – Swimming Pool

It was a pleasure for Benoit, Dominic and I to meet with you and Bob on Thursday 9 June. We enjoyed hearing your plans for the future.

Thank you also for your email of 20 June. Bishop's Stortford Swimming Club are happy to work with you to build an exciting future for swimming in the town.

Further to your email, we would comment as follows:

- A 25m pool of 8 lanes 2.5m wide each with 0.5m outside the first and last lanes, should be aimed for.
- Pool surrounds. I am attaching some ASA documents which very much set out the minimum requirements to be able to hold galas (hence the 8 lane by 2.5m note for what is need in practice). This notes that 180 competitors and officials need to be accommodated; factored up to an 8 lane pool, this would be a maximum 240. At the detailed planning stage, liaison with the ASA to ensure compliance with up to date specifications would, of course, be advisable.
- Spectator seating. This is harder to gauge, although it is always full at any gala! Harlow pool, which is considered to have good viewing facilities has a capacity of around 170.

- Hiring and letting. Our estimate for BSSC's total annual pool hire costs was c£90,000. Whilst we could not undertake to place all our pool hiring with a new Herts & Essex pool, we do feel that the demand for pool time is such in the town and surrounding area (especially when organisations and clubs offering learn to swim are included) that a significant income could be expected from hiring. Additionally, the pool would be of sufficient specification to be capable of being hired for competitive galas by swimming clubs and possibly county swimming associations. There are insufficient such facilities in Hertfordshire.
- We will be happy to support your applications for funding.
- I said I would establish a line of communication with the Amateur Swimming Association ('ASA'). Suzanne Philpot, the local Divisional Manager from the ASA east region, may be able to attend a future planning meeting. This is of course subject to notice.

I hope the above is of use in the short term and I look forward to hearing from you again in due course.

Yours sincerely



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1st June 2016

To Whom it May Concern

I am pleased to inform you that British Judo is fully supportive of the proposal to create a purpose built judo facility. Having discussed the plans proposed by Bishops Stortford Judo Club we believe it to be a viable project and we are willing to help by sharing our expertise as required.

We believe it will meet a strategic need for our sport and we look forward to supporting the development of the wide range of activities that the facility will provide. There is a need for the establishment of such a venue in this location and we can see many opportunities for British Judo to become involved and to use it as a Regional Centre for the delivery of a range of judo activities.

Based on our knowledge of the judo club and their excellent track record in developing the sport at all levels, we have every confidence in their ability to greatly increase participation and deliver a high quality sporting experience.

We look forward to working with you as the project develops.

If you require further information, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Sincerely

Colin McIver
Sport Director



BISHOPS STORTFORD JUDOKWAI

Information/Services available from BSJK

- Letter of endorsement from Colin McIver, Director of Sport, British Judo
- £40k investment from the club

New appointment to assist in the development of the project: Leanne King – BSJK PD Coordinator. Leanne is responsible for maintaining the paper trail of the project and leading specific fund raising events within the club.

List of volunteer services and skills to support the development of the dojo:

Danny King - Electrics

Paul Husk - Plumbing

Anthony Pink - Plans/Design consultancy

Ray Barnett - His company will supply the hot water cylinders at a very good rate

John Tancock - Carpentry. Approached Jewsons to sponsor the ply wood for the sprung floor

Danial & Anna Sedgebeer - Owners on Prontaprint, will supply materials for launch etc

Andrew Clark - Works in leisure industry (BETTER, formerly GLL)

Gareth Rees - Internal wiring of phones/internet

Price Bailey Chartered Accountants - Liaising with Tracy Parker (club treasurer)

From: c
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Sent: 18 July 2016 09:39

To: H. Jones

Subject: RE: Support for Herts & Essex

Morning Cathy & Hayley

Thank you for taking the time last Wednesday to speak to me about the very exciting, proposed development of sport at Herts & Essex. This is a long awaited and long overdue venture in the Bishop Stortford area.

As I said to you both, Herts & Essex support the development of netball by sending girls from your school to our club (Crosskeys) where they can train, play and develop into better players. The success heaped upon the school already is amazing with many of your girls gaining places at satellite and county academies. A Centre of Excellence for netball based at your school facilities would enable you and us to improve our provision to the club and wider community as well as "casting our net wider". Crosskeys would definitely be looking to use the centre on a regular basis and I'm sure other clubs/groups would also. Bishop Stortford League are currently looking for a better venue and I know this would also meet their needs.

I have already set the wheels in motion to see if there is any way that we can assist you with gaining funding for the project. Unfortunately responses to requests for money never seem to be hurried! I make no promises but I am very optimistic that something can be done to help.

Netball is the biggest participation sport for women in the country and runs in many different guises. I can see that from your project many varied opportunities could arise. Not just established club usage but also the building of new clubs, Back 2 Netball sessions, Play Days for younger children, Walking Netball, Tournaments, Regional Matches. The possibilities are endless!

Crosskeys NC are 100% supporting you in this and if we can be of anymore assistance to you throughout this please don't hesitate to ask. We are very excited and proud to be included in the plans for the future.

Kind regards

Marion Hooke - Chairperson of Crosskeys Netball Club



17th July 2016

Dear Hayley

I write in support of the proposed development of the Herts & Essex High School and Science College sports hall. Across Hertfordshire there are 111 clubs with over 4000 affiliated members which require

The plans to develop a new 4 court sports hall will enable the following activities to develop;

- Support club development in the area for both training & matches
- Additional school activity and competition
- Courses for coaches, officials, teachers and parents
- Back to Netball sessions
- Walking Netball sessions
- Opportunities for new netball clubs to develop.

East Hertfordshire, in which the Herts & Essex High School sits, is an integral area for netball participation. From an NGB perspective, having access to a good quality indoor sports hall courts is invaluable in giving us the tools to provide countless netball opportunities to the community in the area. This facility could allow us to host 'Back to Netball' and 'Walking Netball' sessions, which are integral to re-introducing women back into the sport. Since 2010, Back to Netball has engaged over 60,000 women in the UK. An improved netball facility will undoubtedly inject some enthusiasm into the local community to engage in the NDO's work, and the indoor court will enable year round usage, which is vital for the league to run and clubs to train.

I would be delighted to provide further details if required.

Kind Regards

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15th July 2016

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Dear Sir / Madam

The Herts & Essex High School and Science College

I am writing to support the facility development project from The Herts and Essex High School and Science college. This development would ensure the school and community club partners, can sustain and increase the number of people taking part in Sport and physical activity in the local area.

Local insight shows the projected increases in population and additional housing requirements this bring to the local area, which will create further increased demand. Local Leisure Strategic Indoor plans and also Playing pitch plans for surrounding Essex Districts, (Uttlesford in particular) point to an under provision of facilities.

A high quality facility would address these local issues and Active Essex would be keen to see a focus on women and girls sport, as there is growing demand in the market for this.

We believe that this would be a wise investment to help increase and sustain participation in Essex, ensure that there is no drop-off from those who already participate, and ask that you would look upon this application favourably. Governing bodies of sport have also been consulted and are providing feedback to the project.

Kind Regards,

Rob Hayne
Strategic Lead Business Operations
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Hertfordshire Archery Association

The association of target archery clubs in Hertfordshire

Hayley Jones
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Dear Hayley,

Re: Letter of Support for The Herts & Essex High School and Science College

I am writing to offer support on behalf of the Hertfordshire Archery Association for the proposed plans for The Herts & Essex High School and Science College sports field and hall.

The archery community is always looking out for well maintained and secure facilities to use for archery competitions. As a county organisation, we hold a number of competitions each year and one of the biggest blocks we face is finding suitable facilities to hold events. Local clubs also face the same problems with sufficient well-maintained facilities being available.

Any new facilities that are produced within the county for use by local clubs and organisations with a view to encouraging more people to get involved in sport can only be an advantage for all the community.

Hertfordshire Archery Association is happy to put their support behind your bid for funding and look forward to future partnership working.

Good luck in your bid for funding.

Yours sincerely

Tracey Jackson

Secretary

Hertfordshire Archery Association



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15 July 2016

Dear Hayley,

Re: The Hertfordshire & Essex High School – Facility Development Project

Thank you for updating us on the status regarding the development of your proposed new facilities for The Hertfordshire & Essex High School. It was great to hear of your successful application for funding with regard to the project

Over the last 3 years, that school has been actively involved in Hertfordshire Cricket's Development programmes including the Chance to Shine schools programme, Lady Taverner's Schools Indoor Competition, Sport England Satellite Club programme and the Chance to Compete "Super 8's" Outdoor competition. This has allowed a vast number of students at the school to participate in both training and competition programmes.

The students are actively involved in leadership programmes, which support both the Chance to Shine and Satellite Club programmes. In 2016-2017, the school will again be participating in the above programmes across the academic year.

Looking at this potential development in the context of recreational cricket within Hertfordshire, we wholeheartedly support the school's facility aspirations and the opportunities this would develop for the local club's and organisations within the surround area and the local community.

This project clearly supports Hertfordshire Cricket's Strategic Outcomes Framework in line with our:-

Intermediate Outcomes

Increasing the level of external investment into cricket

Participants who enjoy the game
New People Playing Cricket
Enhanced satisfaction for everyone involved in the game

Service Outcomes

Facilities
Playing
Clubs
Schools and Volunteers

*Please see attached Hertfordshire Cricket's Strategic Outcome's Framework

The school and its development plans are clearly aligned to Sport England's Growth agenda, around increasing participation from 11 – 24 year olds as outlined in the "new" strategy *"Towards an Active Nation"*. They also clearly align to the England and Wales Cricket Board's (ECB) priority around *player retention* and *"more people playing more frequently in teams"* as outlined in *"Cricket Unleashed"* the game's new Strategy.

I hope that the funding agencies you apply to supplement this project will also see the clear sporting and community benefit this development will generate as it presents a fantastic opportunity to enhance the facilities for The Hertfordshire & Essex High School and indeed the community as a whole.

The school is extremely well run, has good governance, structure, development plans and vision in place, which clearly link into Hertfordshire Cricket's Outcomes Framework.

As the county governing body for cricket, we are very confident, that if the school is able to attract the additional funding required, it will greatly improve the local sporting offer, which will in turn support cricket aims and objectives around increasing participation and retaining current players.

Hayley, Hertfordshire Cricket will aim to support you in any way we can to help progress this project so if you require any further assistance then please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

Ben Wallis
Head of Development & Operations

Attached:
Hertfordshire Cricket Strategic Outcomes Framework
Sport England – Towards an Active Nation
Cricket Unleashed



Saffron Hawks Netball Club

Founded 2009

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25th October 2016

Dear Hayley,

It was lovely meeting you and Cathy Tooze. We are very excited to hear about your plans to build 6 new floodlit netball courts and confirm that we would like to use your facilities when it goes ahead.

I also confirm that we would very much look forward to working along side you in developing netball within The Herts & Essex High School and the wider community within Bishop's Stortford.

As you know, we set up our Bishop's Stortford division of our junior netball club in May 2015. Our first session saw 30 girls turn up and join, 18 months later we have now doubled that number to 60 members. We were overwhelmed with the interest and desire for children of the age of 9 years onwards to play netball. By the way, half of our members are actually students from Herts & Essex!

Unfortunately, the venue we were using, Birchwood High School, does not have adequate facilities and we have been unable to find facilities in Bishop's Stortford large enough for our training requirements. We have now had to move our training outside of Bishop's Stortford to the 1Life Mountfitchet Romeera Leisure Centre in Stansted Mountfitchet, which defeats our objective of setting up our club in Bishop's Stortford.

We cannot wait until your courts have been built and would very much like to be 'first' on the list to hire out your facilities and work alongside you in promoting netball in Bishop's Stortford.

Finally, if there is anything more we can do to help you with delivering this facility please let me know.

Yours sincerely,

Rosemarie Bannister
Saffron Hawks Netball Club

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Subject: Herts & Essex new Sports Facilities

Dear Ms Jones

Thank you very much for meeting with me last week and for sharing with us your plans for your new Sports Hall. We are delighted to hear that this is going ahead and feel that this is most definitely a facility that is needed in Bishops Stortford, not just for gymnastics but for many different sports. We really hope that this becomes a Sports Centre that can be used by the whole community and we offer our support wholeheartedly to this project.

You have asked me to provide you with an idea of how we would possibly use the facilities. As we are still a new and growing club, having opened in January 2016, it is difficult for us to know the exact extent of our requirements. However, our club at the moment has low ceilings, and is really only suitable for children of Primary School age so we could be looking for additional premises in the near future. Also, we have extensive waiting lists, as does the other gymnastics club in Bishops Stortford and gymnastics continues to grow in popularity as our GB team go from strength to strength. As you know that Gymnastics is not only a valued sport in itself but it is a foundation sport for other sports, as it improves co-ordination, core strength, stamina and balance.

We envisage in the first instance that we may like to hire your Sports Hall for one evening a week from 4pm until 8pm. This would allow us to offer our classes to 11 upwards. This would open up gymnastics to a significant number of young people in Bishops Stortford. At the moment keen gymnasts travel to the other side of Harlow, but many other children drop the sport at this age. We have many ideas of how to keep young people active and involved in the sport, for example Cheerleading, FreeStyle Gymnastics and Tumbling so we could possibly need to hire the hall for additional evenings. We would also endeavour to introduce an apprentice scheme where older gymnasts can train to become coaches, hence ensuring that Bishops Stortford continues to provide quality gymnastics classes long into the future.

We would require gymnastics mats and Vaulting equipment as a bare minimum but would also require Uneven Bars, a Beam and an Air Track, to become a sought-after club in the area. The main consideration at this stage would be adequate storage space for this equipment.

In addition we can see an opportunity for Trampolining. We do not offer this at the moment, due to the size of our gym, but we could move into this area as many of our coaches are also qualified trampoline coaches. Alternatively we would be happy to work alongside a Trampolining Club, if there is anyone who is interested in becoming involved. The potential for this is also huge, as there are no clubs in the area at the moment. I would suggest initially one evening a week would be required, again from 4pm to 8pm in addition to a Saturday morning, 9 til 12. It would be possible to do this in quarter/half the hall space.

So in summary, we fully support your application for funding for this project. We would be interested in hiring your facilities for 1 evening a week for gymnastics classes from 4 til 8 and if we expanded into Trampolining we would need another evening a week and also a Saturday morning.

We look forward to hearing from you and to working with you on this project.



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22 October 2016

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Dear Mrs Tooze

Sports Facilities – Sports Hall

It was a pleasure to meet with yourself and Hayley Jones on Monday and I am delighted that your school be building a sports hall that you would like to open for the wider Bishop's Stortford community to use.

For our club to expand as we plan to we would be keen to make use of the sports hall. Currently we have had difficulty securing time slots other than late in the evening at other Bishops Stortford venues.

In the medium term we aim to start a junior section and a ladies section and enter teams in the Hertfordshire leagues. Being able to book a sports hall for regular training slots in the early evening and for matches at the weekends would be essential to these plans.

The requirements for us for sport hall dimensions would be as per the club section of the datasheet:

<https://www.sportengland.org/media/4585/basketball-data-sheet-march-2012.pdf>

In addition spectating seating would be very useful. This seating would need a minimum separation of two metres from the court. For more details please see the seating arrangements section of:

<http://img.basketballengland.co.uk/media/BasketballEnglandWeb/Docs/CoachingOfficiating/HealthSafetyGuidelines.pdf>

The club supports your wish to develop the sports hall in a way that would be of benefit to the community and will support you in this development.

Yours sincerely

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26 July 2016

Dear Ms Jones and Herts and Essex High School,

I am writing in support of the development of new sports facilities at Herts and Essex High School

The project sounds like it will be of great benefit to both the school and the local community. UKU fully supports the development and provision of additional facilities for the growth of outdoor team sports, such as Ultimate. Affordable training venues are often sought by new Ultimate clubs and teams looking for somewhere to establish regular training sessions.

I hope the campaign is a success, please keep us updated with the progress.

Kind regards,

Simon Hill
UK Ultimate