

**Bishop's Stortford Hockey Club**  
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Dear Cathy and Bob

### **Beldams Lane Sports Development**

Thank you for your recent update on the latest proposals for the development of a new sports complex at Beldams Lane. As you know from our ongoing discussions, BSHC remains committed to securing a facility that both co-locates a home pitch and clubhouse and at the same time enables us to meet the growing demand for hockey in the town.

BSHC has already seen significant growth in recent years, attributable both to increased national prominence following Olympic success in 2012 and 2016 but also to our excellent junior programme. We are keen to expand this further both through outreach to schools in the area where hockey is not a mainstay of the PE or extra-curricular offer but also to other groups such as our new initiative in partnership with Grove Cottage to offer disability hockey for the first time.

We are extremely excited by the prospect of being a lead sport partner in these proposals and confident that they will enable us not only to sustain our increasing membership base but also to broaden our offer of community sport for all in the town and beyond. Our current facilities have served us well to this point, but the opportunities that come from co-location of our clubhouse and principal pitch, additional pitch capacity, and the synergy with other potential sport partners in the development offer the chance to grow the sport for the next generation of hockey players.

As a club, we very much look forward to our continued collaboration.

Yours sincerely

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