



FAQ's

DELIVERY

What does the pitch project consist of?/ What's different to the current pitch layouts?

The new 3G pitch is proposed to be in the same location as the existing 2G pitch, which has come to the end of its life. The new 2G pitch is proposed to be next to the 3G pitches, so that both are aligned north-south to avoid players getting the sun in their eyes.

How is the project being funded?

In addition to the trust contribution, we have support from both the Football Foundation and Plymouth City Council.

Who is completing the work?

The contractor is yet to be selected. We will go through a rigorous tender and selection process to ensure we appoint a contractor that understands the importance of respecting the community throughout the works and offers best value.

How long will the work take?

There is an aspiration that work will start in the summer term 2024 and complete in the Autumn term 2024. The exact construction period is dependent on negotiations with the contractor once they are selected.

How will we be kept up to date?

A dedicated page has been set up on our website which will be updated as the project progresses, including timeline and photos.

<https://www.sdcc.net/page/?title=Expansion+of+Sporting+Facilities&pid=206>

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS

Will there be noise?

Specific stages of the work will include activities which create noise. The contractor will be requested to demonstrate methods that minimise noise and working hours will be strictly adhered to. We will seek to appoint a Considerate Contractor. Once the pitches are in use,

they will not generate significant noise that could be heard from the nearest residential property. Our testing has shown that the noise from these locations would be about as loud as moderate rainfall.

Are any trees being affected?

We don't believe any trees will be affected as part of this project. We are actually looking to increase the number of trees on our land.

Are flood lights being installed?

Yes, floodlights will be installed on the 2G and 3G pitches. The new lights will be much more advanced than the current ones and will minimise light spill, such that the increase in lux will not cause any adverse effect to neighbours, as light will be concentrated on the pitches themselves.

FACILITIES

What will the hire prices be for the pitches?

Hire prices to use the facilities are yet to be agreed, however, the aim is to provide affordable access to the facilities whilst allowing the site to generate sufficient income to be sustainable and cover the ongoing operational and maintenance costs.

Will the pitches be available for community lettings?

Yes, facilities will be let out to the community during weekday evenings, weekends and school holiday periods. Information and bookings for all of our facilities can be found on:

<https://sdcc.schoolhire.co.uk/>

Will there be an increase in use of the pitches?

Yes, the increase in use of the site is a positive, as it represents more people accessing high quality sports facilities that were previously not available in the west of the city.

What sports can be played on the 2G and 3G pitch?

The 2G pitch is sand filled artificial grass and will be available to use predominantly hockey but also multi sport lettings including recreational football.

The 3G will provide a 7v7 rugby/football compliant pitch which will also be available for other multi sport lettings.

My club currently uses the facilities, will our bookings continue at the same time and day when the new facilities are built?

SDCC will be in contact with any clubs displaced during the construction phase to confirm the period of facility unavailability and future booking requirements. We will work with the Council to seek to provide an interim alternative venue.

TRANSPORT

Will there be enough parking?

The school has sufficient parking to accommodate the increased use in its main car park, but overflow spaces are available on-site in the unlikely event that the main car park is full. The pay and display car park at City Business Park is also available. The site's excellent parking facilities was one of the reasons this site was chosen to provide the new pitches.

Will parking be free?

Yes, parking on College site is free.

Will there be an increase in traffic?

The proposal is not anticipated to cause a significant increase in traffic, as the pitches will become available at 5:30 at the earliest, and most staff leave the school at 4 at the latest.

Can I secure my pedal bike?

There is a bike rack located at both the front and rear of the site where you can secure your pedal bike.

Are there any changing facilities?

Yes, existing community changing facilities are available within the facility.