

Email submitted 25th April after site meeting to discuss proposals on 23rd April 2018

Officers Attending : Simon Walters. Steve Bird. Michael Albans.

Dear Steve, Simon and Mick.

Thanks for meeting with me, Rob Bradley and Ian Dovey this week to discuss the future of the Keadby Close play area. We hope this letter and diagram can be submitted to the May 28th Executive Committee for approval.

While you were there you would have noticed that the area is getting overgrown and is being used for fly tipping. A TV had been recently dumped there, along with some wood and a scaffold pole. This area is also a place where drug dealers and users hang out.

By erecting a fence as shown in our diagram, Lincoln United, Hartsholme Cricket and Social Club (LUHCSC) would be able to utilise this area to the benefit of the community.

As discussed, by removing the row of trees that run East and West between the Club and the old Council play area, and thinning out the dead and self-set trees on the rest of the land (see diagram), we would be able to open up the area and introduce a mixture of children's activities. Those activities have yet to be confirmed, but local parents have said they would like to see a small football pitch, a basketball hoop, an area for other ball games like Cricket, Rounders etc. They would also like to see an area for a bouncy castle and a general play area where we would like to add more traditional furniture like swings and slides. Parents are aware that there is a healthy play area in Hartsholme Park for more traditional activities just 10 minutes away from our club.

At Lincoln United FC we believe our sustainability and success is very much reliant on engaging with the community around the ground. Most of our supporters are local and whilst they already feel very welcome there is a lot we can do to make the ground more of an attraction to new people. By converting what is an unused piece of land we think that a grassed amenity area will be a great asset. It will be a great place for children to play and their parents can sit outside the social club knowing their youngsters are safe and having a good time. If this means they'll see we are a great little club and come to our games the more the merrier.

The most positive element of forming this area is how it will help us with our community activities. We now have a formal community activities provider with a programme of events for 2018. Some will take place in our ground but to have a large grassed area alongside will be ideal as we cannot use the main pitch excessively. Our training pitch is OK but is hidden away and almost an afterthought. An open area as shown will be much better.

Officials and volunteers who are part of the club also put on community activities and involve members of the community to games. We have hosted youngsters football teams at matches and have a group coming from nearby Eccleshare Court care home to our game this Saturday. We are currently waiting to hear if we will win the Buildbase award of £50K to build our new disabled / community suite having been shortlisted and pitched for the award at Wembley Stadium. We have a lot of plans to grow Lincoln United and to do that we need good facilities in a pleasant setting.

It was good for Mick Albans to be present this week to offer guidance regarding which trees would stay, and which ones could go to accommodate this project. We will work closely with Mick on any

affect this might have on any wildlife. We are happy to put up bird boxes and anything else Mick feels would help maintain and attract wildlife.

Access to the site would be through the main entrance on Ashby Avenue, and this access will always be open to local residents.

We feel that this revised plan will benefit both the City Council and the local community. Anti-social behaviour will be controlled and the extra play areas will give more choice to our local youngsters.

We are happy to meet on-site, with any of the Executive Committee if needed, to give a more detailed overview of the project.

Regards,

Biff Bean. Community Liaison Officer. LUHCSC.

Rob Bradley. Lincoln United Chairman.

Ian Dovey. Secretary. LUHCSC.