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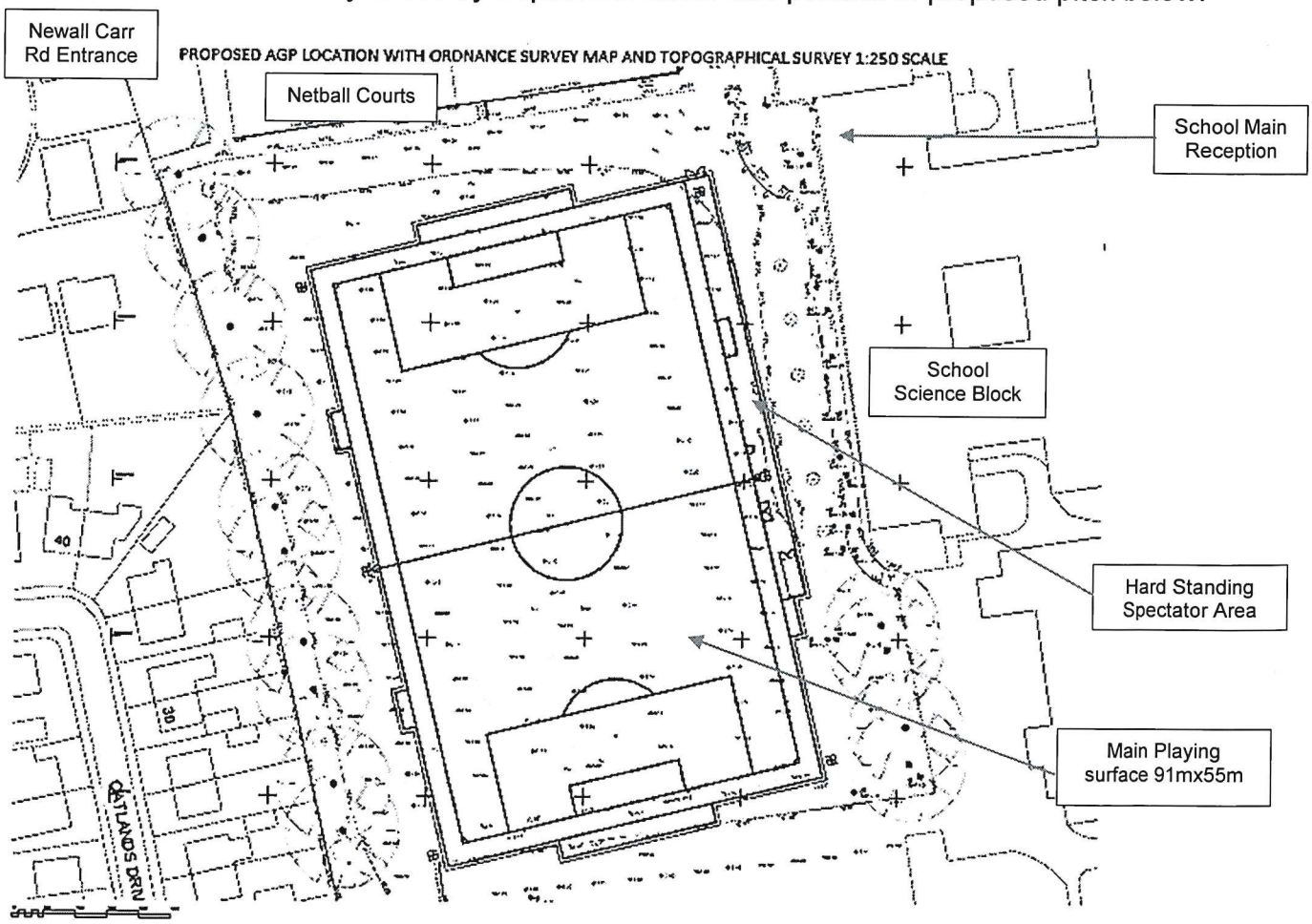
Dear Resident

**Proposal for a new community 3G pitch at Prince Henry's**

Work and plans are progressing on the proposal for a FIFA standard 3G pitch based at Prince Henry's. We have now instructed stages 3 and 4 which involves preparing to submit a planning application and putting the project out to tender in conjunction with the Football Foundation. Thank you for your feedback, which we have taken into account in designing the proposed pitch.

The new pitch would be a FIFA standard football surface with a shock pad underneath to comply with IRB guidelines and therefore allow contact rugby to take place. In addition to these two sports, a variety of other sporting activities such as athletics, rounders, etc could be played on the pitch.

If this project goes ahead, it will be located at the front of school on the existing rugby pitch and the surface would be ready to use by September 2019. See position of proposed pitch below:



The facility would provide a floodlit, FIFA standard full size football pitch, for both the school curriculum (and feeder primaries) and community use. It would also provide a training and match play facility for local grassroots clubs during evenings, weekends and holidays. There are several 'key partner' sports clubs from the local area who are involved in the project, including Otley Town FC, Otley Zebras, Weston Lane FC, Pool AFC, Otley RUFC and Menston FC Girls. It also has the support of Otley Town Council, Leeds City Council, Sport Chevin and the RFU.

We have taken into consideration many of your views. **You said that you were concerned about noise from the pitch and about light spillage. As a result, we have altered the original design of the project.**

Specifically, we have made the following changes to the proposed facility:

- We have **reduced the size of the pitch** which has enabled us to move the facility further away from the neighbouring houses at the front of school.
- We have opted for a more expensive LED lighting system which will have **less light spillage**.
- We will be installing an **acoustic fencing barrier** along the length of the pitch to minimise the noise levels for neighbouring properties. In addition to this, we will use excavated soil to put a noise bund in place along the length of the pitch, further reducing the noise levels.

It is anticipated that at least 50% of the cost of the project would be met through funding from the Football Foundation. We are also hoping to secure investment from Otley Town Council, and are preparing to submit a grant application to Sport England. In addition, we are asking for financial support from key partner clubs. The school has also selected "community sport" as the focus of its own fundraising efforts this year, with a view to supporting the project.

This is a fantastic opportunity for the school and community to receive some much needed investment in all-weather sports facilities and will give so many people, old and young, the opportunity to remain active through the winter months. We would welcome your thoughts and feedback on the project through our online survey:
https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/Y2WPBVT

Many thanks for your time.

Yours faithfully

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