



## ALEXANDRA PARK AND PALACE CHARITABLE TRUST BOARD

29 SEPTEMBER 2022

**Report Title:** Alexandra Park Club – Proposal To Install Cricket Nets  
**Report of:** Mark Evison, Head of Park & Environmental Sustainability  
**Purpose:** To obtain the Board’s approval of the Alexandra Park Club proposal to install cricket nets, subject to planning consent.

**Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985** N/A

### 1. Recommendations

- 1.1 To approve the Alexandra Park Club’s proposal to install a new three lane cricket batting and bowling net facility, subject to any comments from the Advisory and Consultative Committees.

### 2. Executive Summary

- 2.1 The Alexandra Park Club intends to apply to the local planning authority for consent to install a new three lane cricket batting and bowling net facility at the club on the site of the old tennis courts on the western side of the clubhouse. This, if approved, will sit alongside the existing one lane net and replace the second which is unfit for purpose.
- 2.2 It was intended to consult the Advisory & Consultative Committee at the cancelled meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> September. The Committees’ Members have been invited to provide comments in advance of the Trustee Board meeting. However, the Committees will also have an opportunity to discuss the proposal as a group at the next Joint Meeting of the Committees on 17<sup>th</sup> November.

### 3. Reason for the decision

- 3.1 The aim of the proposal is to improve training facilities for both senior and junior sections, something which is crucial for both sections. More so for the latter as our existing facilities are one reason why we lose junior players to the numerous other clubs in our area. We are essentially playing catch-up in providing sustainable and effective training facilities when the squares are out of action or too wet to use.

#### 4. Construction and Installation

4.1 Below are images of how the nets would look.

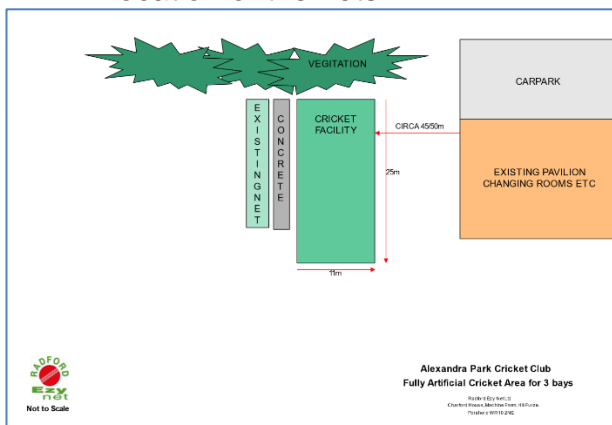


4.2 The standard size is 24m long and 2.4m high. The nets are held in place by a fixed socket system. The sockets are safely capped by a cap of artificial grass. They use a winch system to open and close the top and side nettings in a few minutes. Each lane is open ended to allow for bowlers to have a proper run-up. There is roof netting at the batter's end like so:



4.3 Work would take five working days and would require access to the Club for excavation equipment. and the spoil will be used on site or taken away by the contractors if unused. The supplier has provided the Cub with diagrams of the proposed construction process and layout (Appendix 1).

4.4 Location of the nets:



#### 4.5 Storage

The facility will be erected in the Spring. When not in use during the cricket season, the nets are drawn like curtains, retracted and stored in the green 3m poles/boxes (see below. Note fencing as shown will not be used). At the end of the season the poles/boxes/nets will be fully dismantled and put into storage.



#### 5. **Is the decision/ action consistent with the Charity's Vision, Mission Purpose and Values? Five Year Plan priority pillars?**

The decision does not conflict with the Charity's vision, mission and values and aligns with the charitable purposes around use of the Park for recreation and enjoyment.

#### 6. **Equality, Diversity & Inclusion (EDI)**

The proposal would have no negative impact on any groups with protected characteristics groups.

#### 7. **Legal Implications**

7.1 The Council's Head of Legal & Governance has been consulted in the preparation of this report and has no comments.

#### 8. **Financial Implications**

8.1 There are no financial implications for the Trust. The Tenant will cover all costs for the nets, including installation and removal of the old nets using a legacy fund donated by a previous member of the Club.

8.2 The Council's Chief Financial Officer has been consulted in the preparation of this report and has no comments.

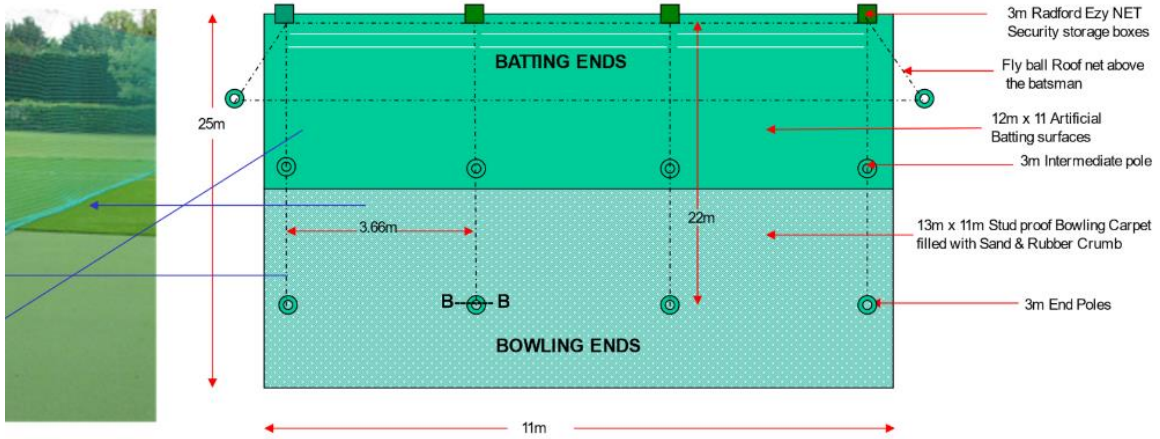
#### 11. **Use of Appendices**

Appendix 1 – Design images and diagrams

#### 10. **Background Papers - None**

# Appendix 1 – Diagrams for proposed layout of Cricket Nets

## 3 x 25m Artificial Batting & Bowling Ends

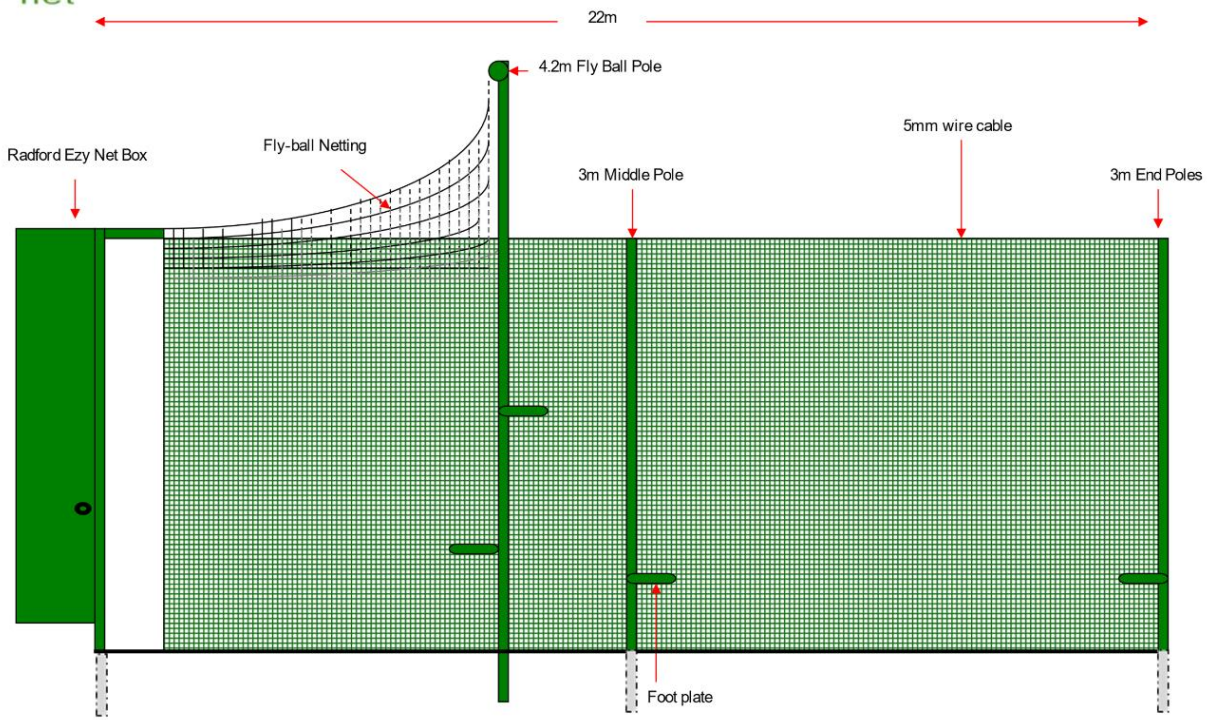


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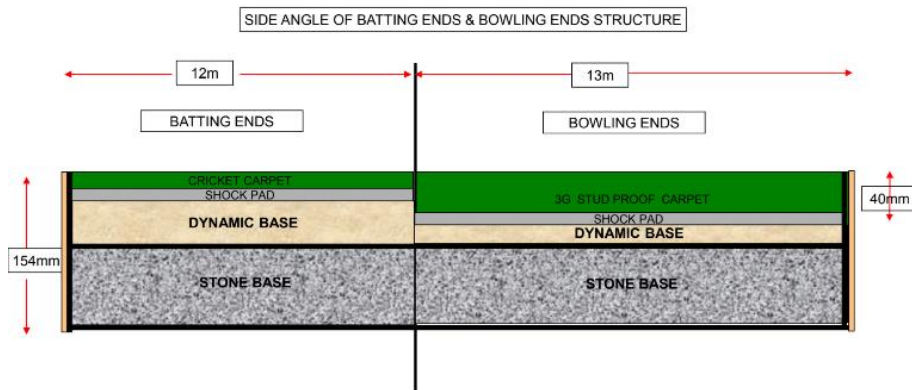
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### Alexandra Park Cricket Club Side view of netting system



The nets would sit on this type of base:



The poles/storage boxes would be installed like this:

