



## JOINT MEETING OF THE STATUTORY ADVISORY AND CONSULTATIVE COMMITTEES

17<sup>th</sup> NOVEMBER 2022

**Report Title:** Sports Club Cricket Nets installation  
**Report of:** Mark Evison, Head of Park and Environmental Sustainability  
**Purpose:** To consult the committee on the proposal by the Alexandra Palace Club to install additional cricket nets on the site.

### THE ALEXANDRA PARK CLUB'S PROPOSED CRICKET NETS INSTALLATION USING RADFORD EZYNET

#### 1. Introduction

This report invites the committees to discuss the proposal by the Alexandra Palace Club to install additional cricket nets on the site.

#### 2. Recommendation

To provide any feedback or advice to the Trustee board in relation to the proposal by the Alexandra Park Club.

#### 3. Proposal

The Alexandra Park Club wish 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 that the Club have already and replace the second which is unfit for purpose.



The aim 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.

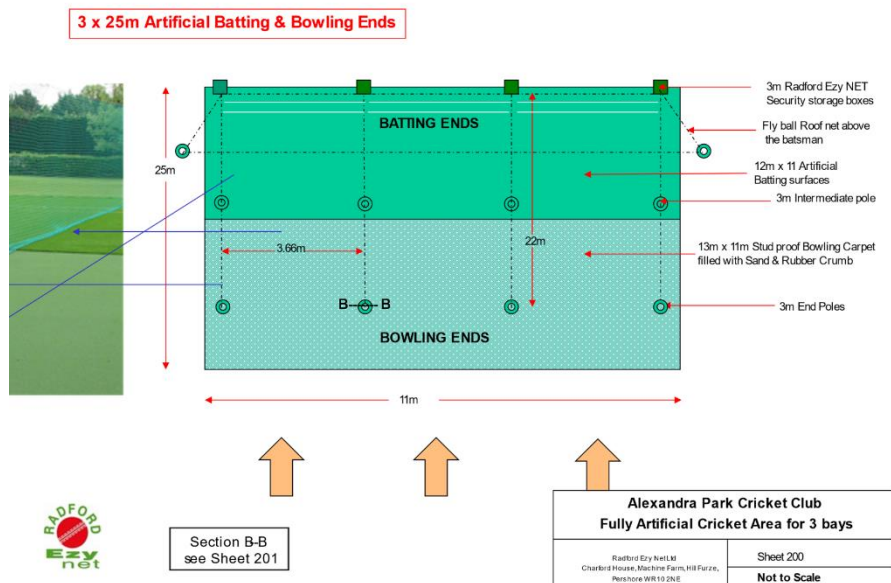
#### 4. The Nets

In situ, the nets would look like the above. 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:



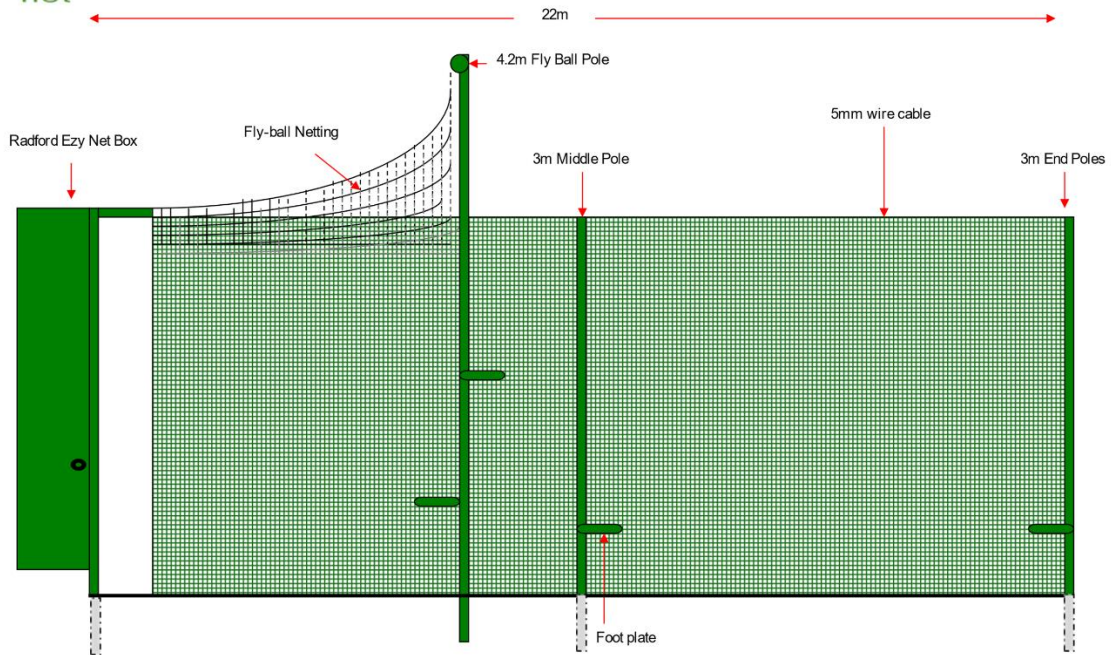
#### 5. Construction and installation

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. RADFORD EYZNET have provided the club with diagrams of the proposed construction process and layout.

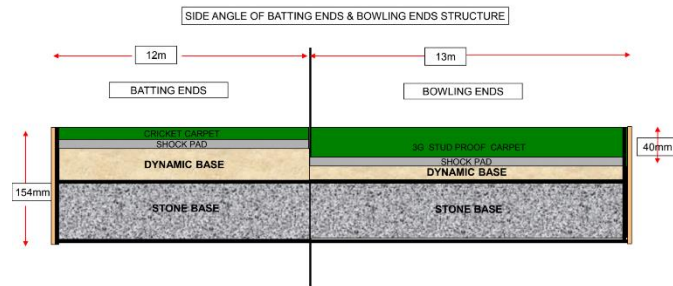




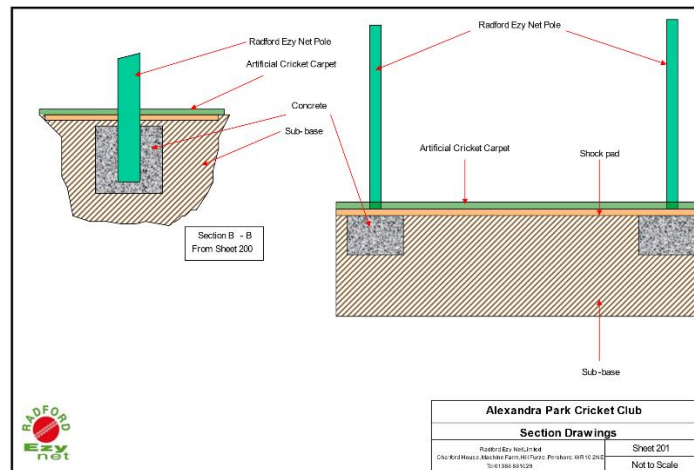
**Alexandra Park Cricket Club  
Side view of netting system**



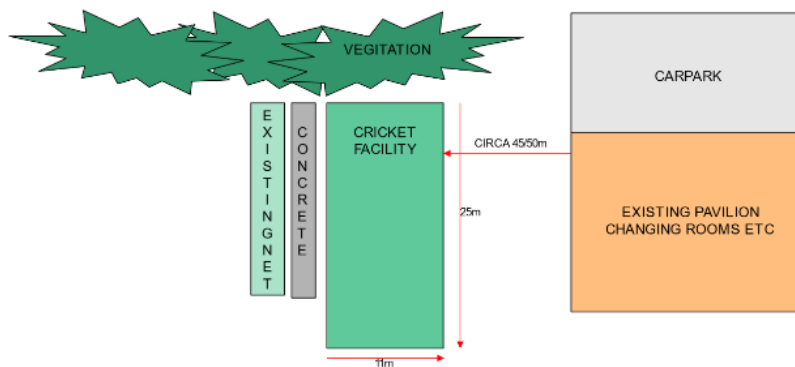
The nets would sit on this type of base:



The poles/storage boxes would be installed like this:



The nets would be located here:



Not to Scale

**Alexandra Park Cricket Club  
Fully Artificial Cricket Area for 3 bays**

Radford Easy FIGHT  
Charford House, Machibol Farm, H&F Estate,  
Petersham, Wiltshire, Wiltshire, Wiltshire



## 6. 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. Legal Implications**

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

**6. Use of Appendices - None**

**7. Background Papers - None**