



ALEXANDRA PARK AND PALACE CHARITABLE TRUST BOARD

13 December 2022

Report Title: Sports Club Cricket Nets installation
Report of: Mark Evison, Head of Park and Environmental Sustainability
Purpose: To obtain landlord permission, i.e. Trustee Board approval, of the proposal by the Alexandra Palace Club to install additional cricket nets on the site, at the Clubs own expense.

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

1. Recommendation

To approve the proposal by the Alexandra Park Club to install a new three lane cricket batting and bowling net facility in the Club grounds, subject to the condition that any waste material resulting from the installation is removed from the site and properly disposed of by the contractor and not dumped anywhere in the Park.

2. 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.



Images 1 & 2 – proposed new nets

3. The Nets

In situ, the images 1 & 2 above show how the nets would look. 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:

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4. Construction and installation

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

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.



6. Consultation

The Advisory and Consultative Committees were consulted on the proposal on 17th November and noted that the area adjacent to the proposed nets was an important place of bird migration. The Head of Park and Environmental Sustainability confirmed that there would be little impact on biodiversity as the netting would be packed away after use, no lighting would be installed with the nets and, whilst the proposal included that 'all spoil would be used or taken away by contractors' the Board could condition this when approving the proposal.

7. Legal Implications

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

8. Financial Implications

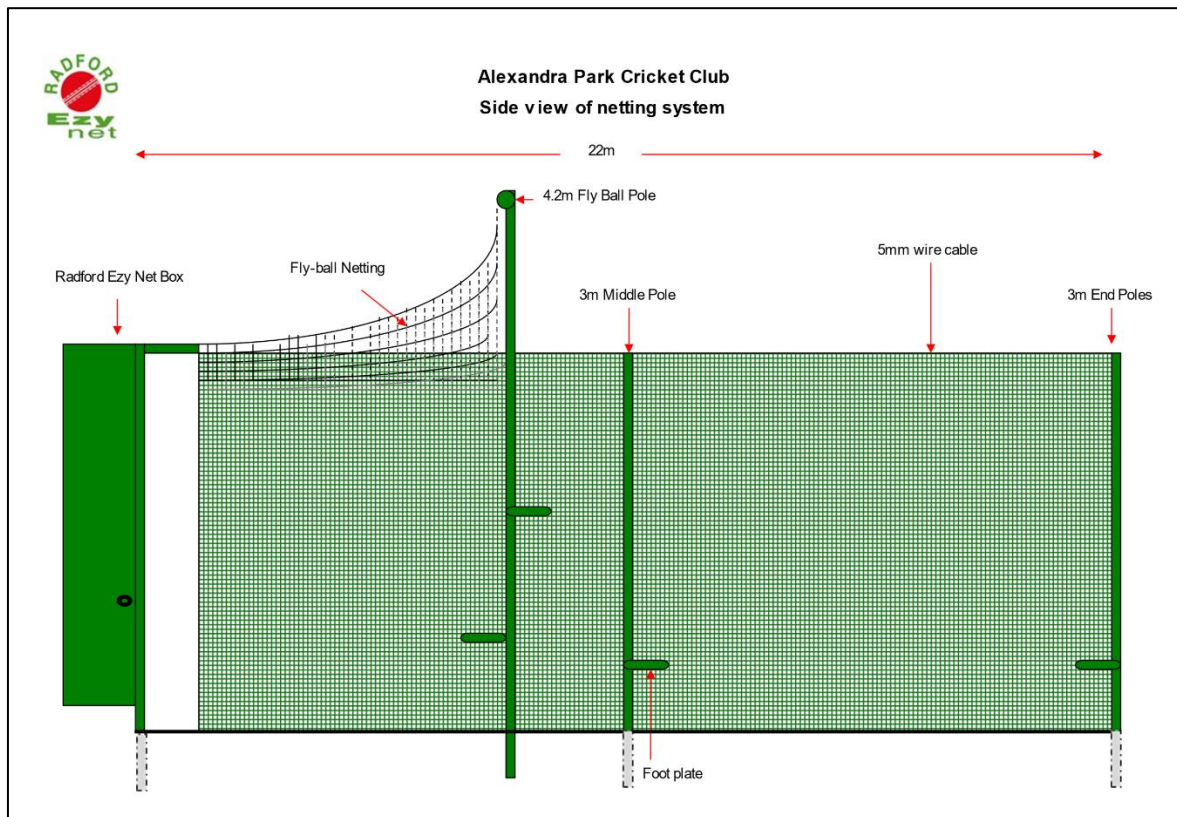
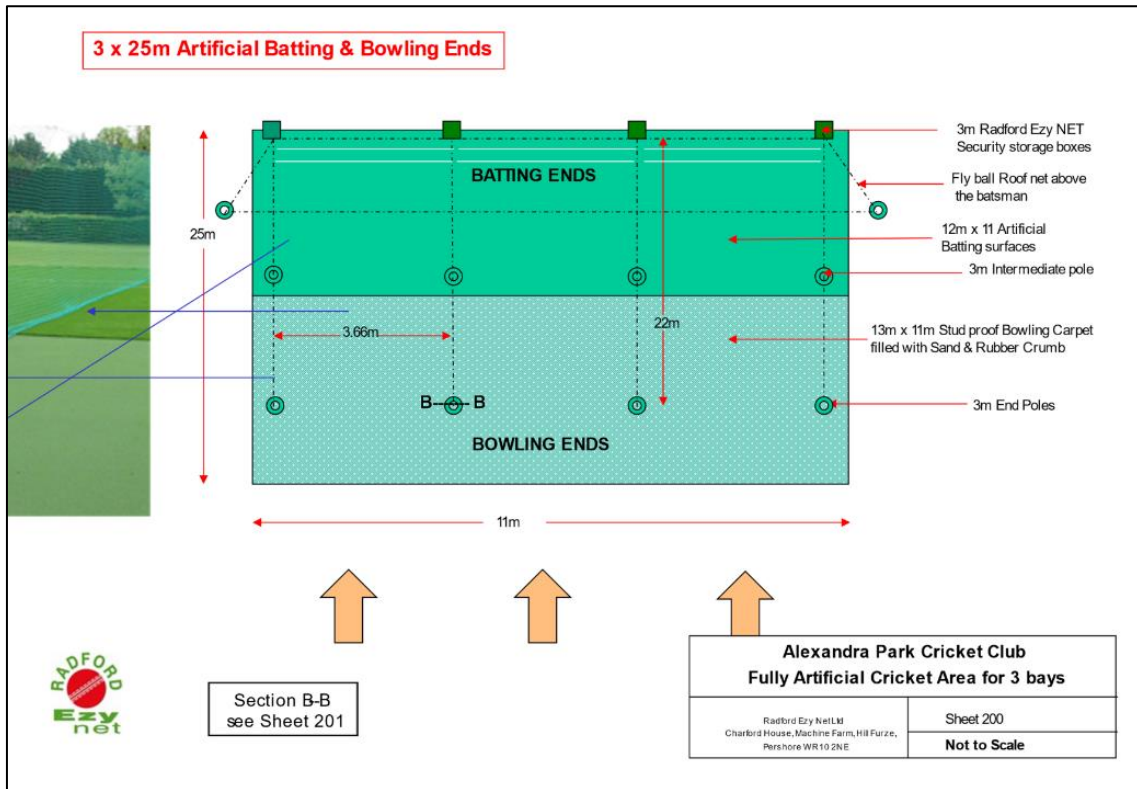
8.1 There are no financial or VAT implications for the Trust. The Tenant will cover all costs for the nets, including installation and removal of the old nets using a legacy fund donated by a previous member of the Club. The nets will be treated as the Club's own moveable assets.

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

9. Use of Appendices – Appendix 1 – Manufacturer diagrams

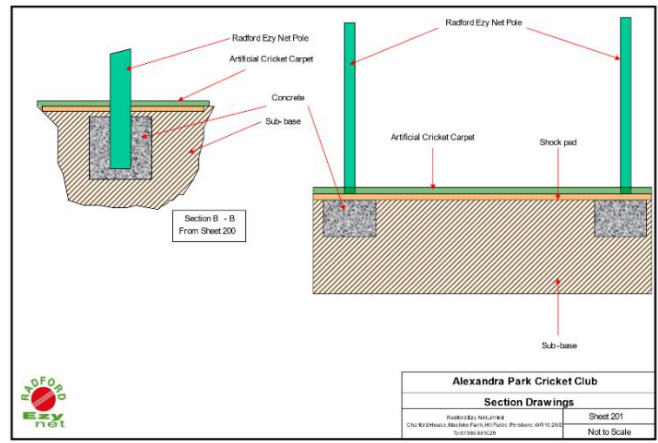
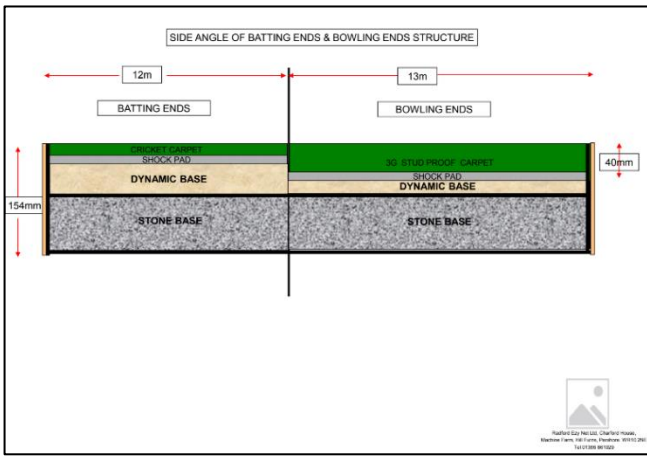
10. Background Papers - None

Appendix 1 – Manufacturer Diagrams



Base for the nets:

The poles/storage boxes installation



Nets location:

