



Agenda item:

Statutory Advisory Committee on
17th March 2010

Report Title: **Temporary Ice Rink and marquee structure on the Pavilion site**

Report of: **Stephen Garner, Head of Events and Leisure**

1. Purpose

1.1 To advise the committee of the Planning Application for the provision of a temporary ice rink and marquee structure on the site of the 'Pavilion' within Alexandra Park for the period 8th June – 15th November 2010

2. Recommendations

2.1 That the committee considers the application and decides what advice, if any, it wishes to provide to the Board of trustees regarding this planning application.

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3. Executive Summary

3.1 The Board of Directors for APTL have strongly recommended that during the closed period of the ice rink for the capital works, that APTL provide a temporary ice rink facility within the Park to ensure continuity of business operation.

- 3.2 An ice rink provider is on board to build the temporary ice rink and marquee structure
- 3.3 The date of the planning decision is unknown.

4. Reasons for any change in policy or for new policy development (if applicable)

- 4.1 By providing a temporary ice rink and marquee structure facility during the period that the permanent ice rink is closed APTL and APPCT are able to continue to meet the charitable objectives that a permanent ice rink facility at Alexandra Palace achieves. It will allow APTL and APPCT to continue to provide a much needed and much loved recreational facility during the Summer and early Autumn of 2010 whilst the permanent ice rink is closed.

5. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985

- 5.1 No specific background papers other than those appended were used in compiling this report.

6. Description

- 6.1 The summary of the planning application is: "Provision of a Temporary Ice rink and marquee structure on the site known as the Pavilion within Alexandra Park for a period no greater than 8th June 2010 – 15th November 2010"
- 6.2 The date of the planning decision is unknown but it is potentially early in June and as such any comments should be fed back to the May APPCT Board meeting who will be able to consider this application.
- 6.3 Haringey Council approved a £2m capital works loan for the existing Ice Rink on the 22nd February 2010. This decision will lead to the closure of the ice rink for a period of approximately six months and will mean that there will be no ice skating provision available for that period at Alexandra Palace. To ensure that when the ice rink re-opens in late October – early November that we still retain our existing staff, coaches, hockey and ice skating teams and our valued customers it is vital that we continue to provide some form of ice rink operation during that six month closed period. Failure to provide the temporary ice rink will mean that a number of staff who work for us on a casual basis will have no work for the closed period of the permanent ice rink and will have to try and seek alternative employment. In this situation we would be at risk of opening the newly re-furbished ice rink with staff who have limited experience and we would not be able to provide such a high level of customer service. This would potentially be the same situation for our ice skating and ice hockey coaches.

- 6.4 The temporary ice rink and marquee structure will be situated at the South East end of the Pavilion and will benefit from close proximity to high voltage electrical supplies. The entrance to the ice rink will be on the North West side of the structure (facing the boating lake) and guests will be able to continue to park in the East car parks and walk through in the same way that the fun fair operation works.
- 6.5 The provision of the temporary ice rink and marquee structure will be made by a specialist outdoor ice rink provider. APTL will provide the management and coordination of the ice rink diary to ensure that the service provided in the existing ice rink is as close closely matched as possible.
- 6.6 The proposed period for the temporary ice rink and marquee structure is from the 8th June 2010 (post the fun fair operation) until the 15th November 2010. These dates are relevant as they represent the earliest opportunity to utilise the space on the Pavilion site and the last date that the permanent ice facility is likely to be out of operation. It should be noted that if the ice rink is opened earlier then the temporary ice rink and marquee structure will be dismantled earlier and will not remain in situ and operate as a separate entity. There is no intention to run the temporary ice rink in addition to the permanent ice rink and as soon as the permanent ice rink is open then the temporary ice rink will be dismantled
- 6.7 Should this committee wish to provide advice to the Trustees then it is anticipated that this advise would be provided to the meeting noted in point 6.2
- 6.8 Parking provisions will be laid it out in the same manner as the existing permanent ice rink and it is not anticipated that this will change or create any additional impact on the local road network or create any congestion in the local area
- 6.9 Additional temporary signage would be installed to supplement the existing suite of signage to ensure that guests are effectively directed to the temporary ice rink
- 6.10 Noise pollution will be taken into consideration and APTL will ensure that any public address system is designed so that any emitted noise is directional towards the Palace and not towards residential areas. In addition, APTL will apply a strict noise policy and regularly monitor sound levels that will ensure that noise pollution does not become an issue.

6.11 APTL intend to provide disco sessions on a Friday, Saturday and Sunday evening. However, to ensure noise issues are taken into consideration we are investigating a 'silent disco'. This involves skaters being issued with headphones and then music is sent via blue-tooth directly to the headphones without the noise being audible outside the marquee. This will ensure that we are able to continue with this popular youth activity without creating noise pollution issues

6.12 We would intend to provide the following activities in the temporary ice rink –

- Patch ice skate training
- Public skating sessions
- Birthday party sessions
- Ice hockey training sessions (possibly not games)
- Disco and chill out sessions in the evening

6.13 The open times that we would propose would be as close to the current timetable as possible which are generally 0600hrs (for figure skating training) through to 2300hrs (for disco sessions and ice hockey training;)

7. Consultation

7.1 This report forms part of the Trustee's process of seeking advice from the Advisory Committee under the Alexandra Park and Palace Act 1985. The planning process invites comment from a much wider group of interested parties who should also put forward comments. It is intended that APTL will engage with other interested parties i.e. friends of Alexandra Park at an open evening before the planning application is submitted.

8. Recommendations

8.1 That the committee considers the application and decides what advice, if any, it wishes to provide the board of trustees regarding this application.

9. Legal Implications

9.1 The Trust's solicitor and LBH Head of Legal Services have been sent a copy of this report.

10. Financial Implications

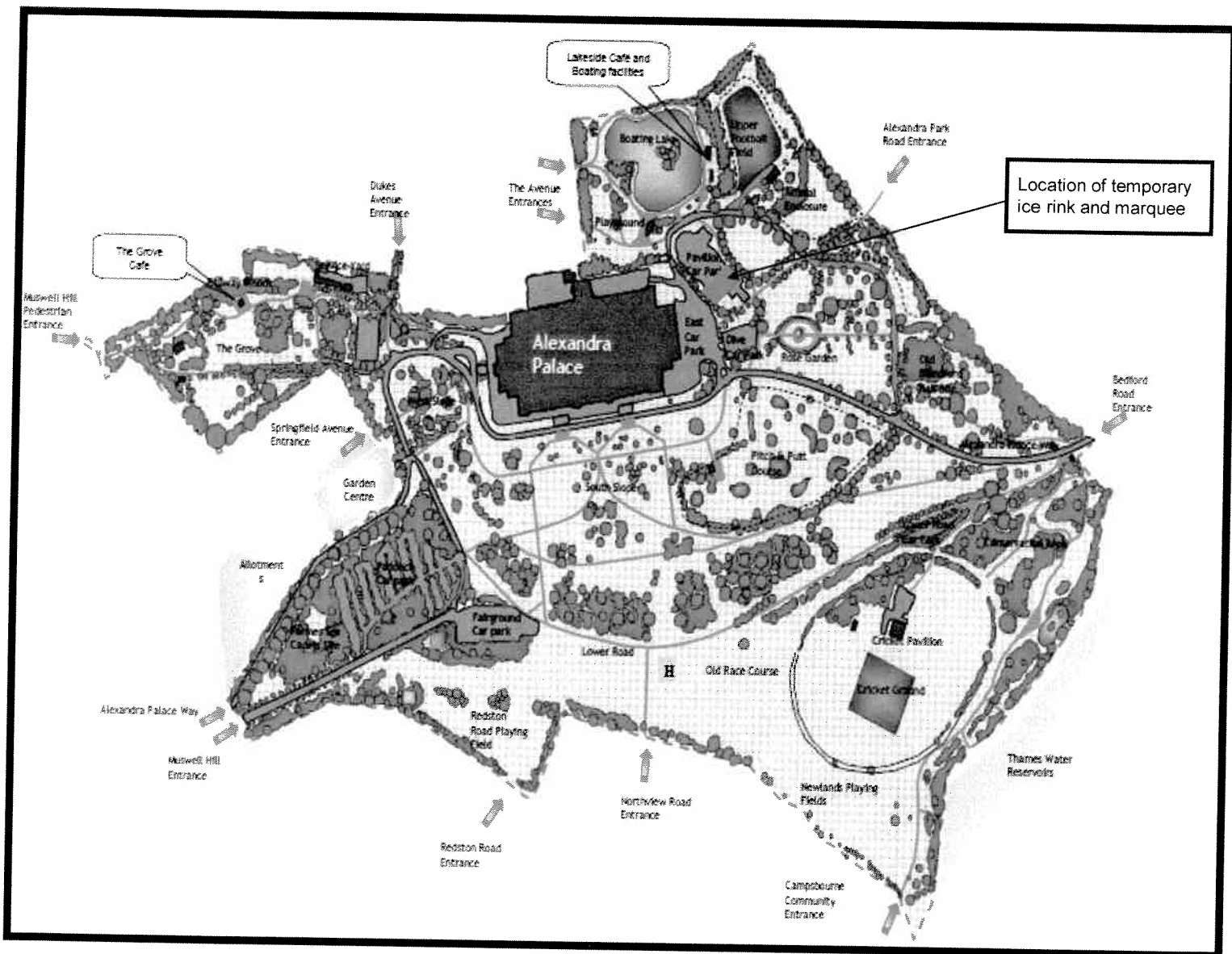
10.1 The LBH Chief Financial Officer has been sent a copy of this report.

10.2 The temporary ice rink is expected to break even at the conclusion of the project i.e. 15th November 2010. Any costs associated with the provision of the temporary ice rink will be managed through the revenue generated during the ice rink operation.

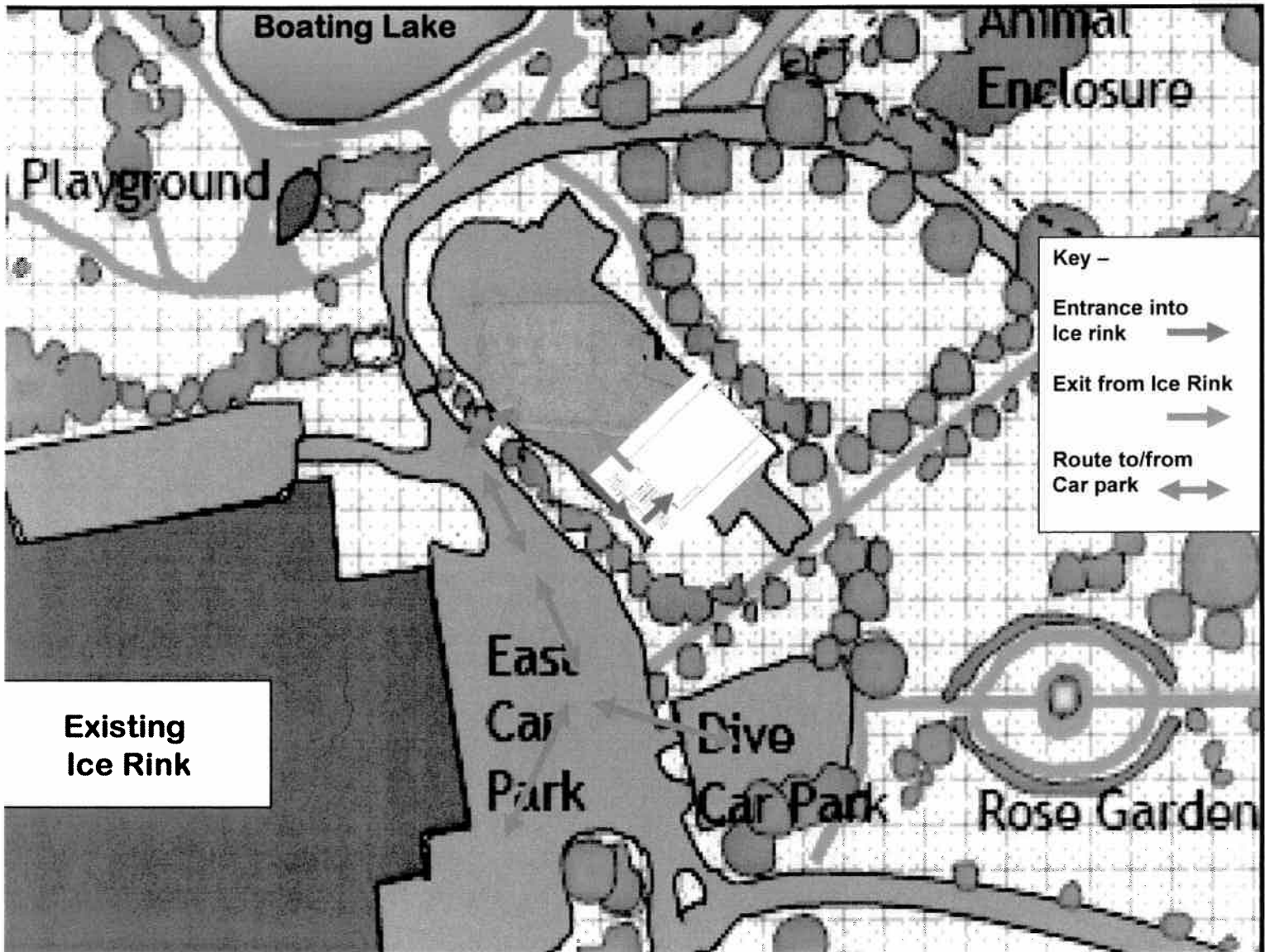
11. Use of Appendices/Tables/Photographs

- 11.1 A copy of the location within the park.
- 11.2 A plan of how the temporary ice rink will be operated on the Pavilion site
- 11.3 A copy of the layout
- 11.4 Photo's of a similar scheme that was held in the Isle of Man
- 11.5 Photo's of the Pavilion site
- 11.6 A link to the recent temporary ice rink facility provided in the Isle of Man is attached

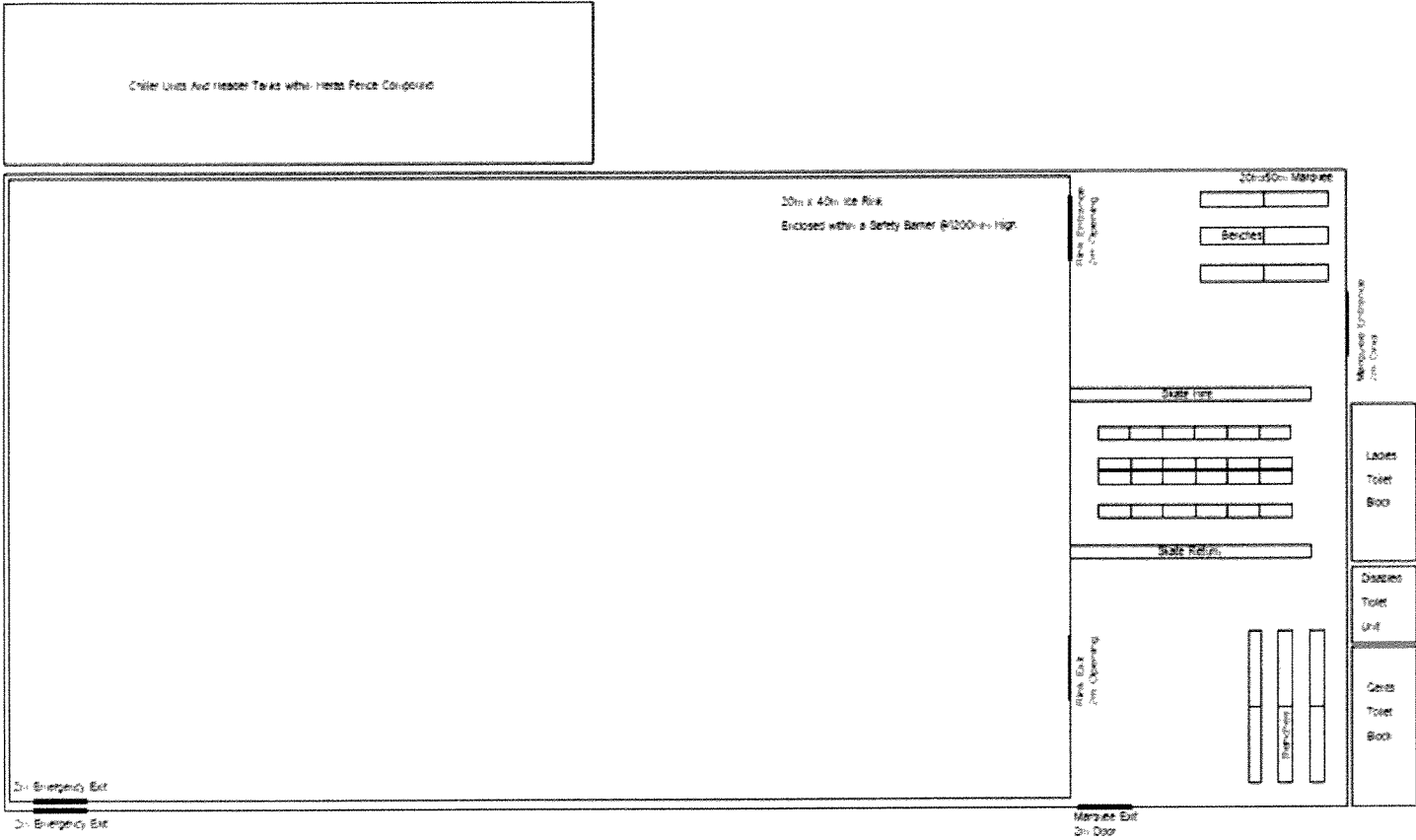
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Appendices 11.5 - Photo's of the Pavilion site



Appendices 11.6 – web link to the recent temporary ice rink facility provided in the Isle of Man

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1LnUFb8RtRY>

