

Report Title: **Proposals for the Cricket Clubhouse and Grounds**

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**1. Purpose**

1.1 To inform the committees of the proposals to improve the facilities at the cricket clubhouse and grounds and to ask if the committees have any advice they wish to offer the Alexandra Palace and Park Board.

**2. Recommendations**

2.1 That the Committees note the content of this report.  
2.2 The Committees considers what advice, if any, they wish to offer the Board.

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**3. Executive Summary**

3.1 Two phases of improvement work are proposed for the cricket clubhouse and grounds as part of a project with the nearby Heartlands School.  
3.2 Certain items will require planning permission and the committees are asked for their comments.

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

4.1 N/A

**5. Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985**

5.1 N/A

## **6. Background**

- 6.1 The Cricket clubhouse and grounds are leased to the Alexandra Park Club for use “as a sports club for cricket & football and ancillary sports and social purposes.”
- 6.2 The new Heartlands High School is intending to use the pitches and facilities from September 2011 and several improvements are required. The project is being managed by Haringey Council’s Building Schools for the Future (BSF) team, and officers from this team will present more details at the meeting.
- 6.3 There are two phases of work proposed, the first will start as soon as possible.

### Phase 1

- Improve the drainage of the football pitches and cricket outfield, because currently they are out of action for much of year due to water logging
- Reconfigure the WCs so they are acceptable for school use – current access is via the bar, and
- Install a new ramp to increase accessibility of the clubhouse as required under the Disability Discrimination Act 1995.

Phase 2 is to construct a multi-use games area (MUGA) on the former site of the tennis courts. This facility will include lighting to permit some evening use.

- 6.4 The BSF team have consulted the council’s Nature Conservation Officer. The drainage proposals in phase 1 contribute to the borough’s biodiversity plan by increasing the amount of standing water in the perimeter ditch. A number of studies are being carried out by the BSF team to establish the impact of phase 2 on wildlife.
- 6.5 Committee members were given the opportunity to view the area and discuss the proposals at site visits on 22 March.
- 6.6 As this project involves proposals requiring planning permission the Advisory Committee must be consulted under Section 9(3) of the Alexandra Park and Palace Act. The Board should have due and proper regard to this advice and use their best endeavours to give effect to such reasonable recommendations as are expedient in the interests of the charity and consistent with the trusts.
- 6.7 The functions of the Advisory Committee are laid out at paragraph 19 of schedule 1 of the Act and the committee is required “to promote the objects of the charity and assist the trustees in fulfilling the trusts by considering and advising” on a number of matters. The particular clauses that apply in this case are (v) any proposals which require planning permission and (vii) furtherance of recreation and leisure in the Alexandra Park and Palace.
- 6.8 The Consultative Committee can consider this item under the first object of its constitution: “To give representatives of appropriate local and national organisations the opportunity of full discussion on general matters affecting Alexandra Palace and Park.”

6.9 Although the Committees may decide to advise the Board of the impact the development may have on the palace and park, members are reminded that they may as groups, societies or individuals, comment on the proposals as part of the planning process.

**7. Recommendations**

7.1 That the committee notes the content of this report.

7.2 The committee considers what advice, if any, it wishes to give to the Board.

**8. Legal Implications**

8.1 The Trust's solicitor has no specific comments on this report.

8.2 The LBH Head of Legal Services has no specific comments on this report.

**9. Financial Implications**

9.1 The LBH Chief Financial Officer notes the content of this report

**10. Use of Appendices/Tables/Photographs**

10.1 Additional documents to be provided by the BSF team