

APPLICATION NO: 20/02028/FUL		OFFICER: Mrs Emma Pickernell
DATE REGISTERED: 19th November 2020		DATE OF EXPIRY : 18th February 2021
WARD: Leckhampton		PARISH: LECKH
APPLICANT:	Cheltenham Borough Council	
LOCATION:	Burrows Field, Moorend Grove, Cheltenham	
PROPOSAL:	Engineering works to improve and level playing surfaces	

REPRESENTATIONS

Number of contributors	3
Number of objections	1
Number of representations	1
Number of supporting	1*

Please note, approximately 90 emails/letters of support were submitted direct to the Parks and Landscapes department of CBC – extracts are included below

98 Shurdington Road
Cheltenham
Gloucestershire
GL53 0JH

Comments: 7th January 2021

Firstly, I will declare my interest, homeowner in a Flood Risk area downstream at Surdington Road. Grandson and I use the park and cycle track regularly.

It is not clear who is the owner of the property is the application form lists the Council but "fieldsintrust" would seem to have an interest. Their view is essential if they own the property. This is also essential because I have been unable to ascertain from the Council who maintains the River, they say the Owners. Currently, the river it is not maintained.

Whilst I fully support this application, But I have serious concerns, and this is not helped by the officer's report not being available to the public or any of the consultation reports being available.

In particular, the Local Flood Officers report. The development on-top-of the River Hatherley Brook and the source is the field that's why it is always wet. Any development must consider the Surface drainage required. Given this is the source of the River I wish to see the officers report consultation comments. In addition, any development in this area will require an Environmental Permit.

This new cycleway to "Traverse" the field is has "no entrance and no exit" except the main gate of the park. The path East to Leckhampton has a cycle prohibition. The gate to the West (Merlin Way) is not big enough. Thus, a new access is required to the highway. What comments were made by GCC relating to the construction of the Highway (Cycle Way). Will the new path comply with the Transport Authority standards? This is not helped by the being no master plan for sustainable transport in Leckhampton as required by the NPPF.

Having inspected the area yesterday I believe the construction proposed is not suitable for an area which is constantly spring fed and the source of the river. It may create a dam and add to the problems. Who is the design authority? Who will supervise the build such that it complies with the standards required?

Lastly, comments made seem to indicate that this development is not fully scoped. As I believe that the field is going to be subject to improved land drainage. If that is the case the LPA and the Council. Need to consider the SuDs system required and more importantly:

NPPF 157. All plans should apply a sequential, risk-based approach to the location of development - taking into account the current and future impacts of climate change so as to avoid, where possible, flood risk to people and property.

They should do this, and manage any residual risk, by:

- a) applying the sequential test and then, if necessary, the exception test as set out below;
- b) safeguarding land from development that is required, or likely to be required, for current or future flood management.

Therefore, I would seriously recommend a review of the application by Delegated Planning Authority and Greenspace Team the Council.

I confirm that I am fully in favour of the objective to have a sustainable route through the field which accords with my objective to have a sustainable route from Leckhampton to the A46. This is the only park in Leckhampton thus constant improvement to provide a first class facility is imperative.

In relation to the Application this site has a Main River through it with all the other applications in the area they need SuDs I am very concerned about flooding at we live down stream this is not and objection it is about design. I have asked the Flood officer for advise and will ask the EA to comment. The park is in and extremely poor state of repair and planning violations in some areas.

14 Sandy Lane
Charlton Kings
Cheltenham
Gloucestershire
GL53 9BZ

Comments: 1st December 2020

I am a trustee of Leckhampton Rovers FC (LRFC) and of course I therefore wish to express overwhelming support for the Burrows Fields improvements. I thought it might help others with their considerations if I put a little context to the improvements.

I have been leading this project for the club. It started 2 ½ years ago and has already been a long journey. Hundreds of hours have been spent by club members getting the project to where it is today - liaising with local councillors, raising money, architects, designers, the FA, ECB and many others.

The club had a vision to have a place to call home for its many members. Initially it was a football project, but it has become so much more than this. We have engaged with the local community and the support has been amazing. The cricket and tennis clubs that use the Burrows have joined the initiative, Broadlands Playgroup is excited about what it could do for its children, local and national sports associations have given their support as have Cheltenham Borough Council, Leckhampton Parish Council and individual politicians and councillors. The club has a long partnership with Leckhampton Primary School and is already talking to the High School Leckhampton about mutual benefits. Both are fully behind this initiative.

So what is it that has generated so much support? A project that will benefit the physical and mental wellbeing for everyone in the local community. Whether this is formal or recreational activity, running, walking, dog walking - everyone will benefit.

It is not just the playing fields that are being considered, it has gone so much further than this.

- The pavilion is being completely internally refitted to enable access for everyone;
- A circular footpath is being laid linking all the access points to the site;
- Cycle stands are being put in;
- An outdoor trim trail is coming as well.

Of course, the site is not without issues. The lack of parking is recognised as one of these. This is a general issue and not just related to sport at the site. However, LRFC recognises this and wants to help mitigate issues where it can. The club has a number of initiatives it is working on including:

- The footpath and cycle stands will encourage walking and cycling to the Burrows;
- The club is in discussions with Leckhampton Primary School and the High School Leckhampton about possibly using car park at the schools during match days. Both have agreed to this in principle;
- The club has written on behalf of its membership to Miller Homes and the planning officer about improving the footpaths linking the proposed new housing development, the High School Leckhampton and the Burrows;
- The club has appointed a communications officer and one of their roles will be liaising with LRFC football coaches about match day parking;
- Approximately 60% of the club members live within easy walking/cycling distance of the Burrows;
- The club would like to invite a local resident to join its facilities committee to offer local insight, not just about parking but other opportunities to improve the community around the Burrows, and approaches to residents are in progress;
- The fields will not be extended and the capacity will be the same before and afterwards;
- The club has an ongoing dialogue with the local council about matters affecting the Burrows and will continue to support the local area.

So, please be reassured that this matter and others are very important to the club.

I spend a lot of my time at the Burrows, sorting out this project and recreationally. Last summer, post lockdown I enjoyed a walk to the site to watch my son play football. There were matches in progress between Leckhampton teams, all relishing the opportunity to play sport again. Lots of green shirts running around, smiles on their faces, enjoying the freedom and pleasure that football can bring.

And of course their supporters were there as well. Loving being out on a pleasant summer evening watching their child in the beautiful surroundings of the Burrows.

This is why the club are so committed to doing this!

Comments: 23rd December 2020

Below are some emails/letters of support that were sent to Cheltenham Borough Council just before the planning portal was available. All fully support the project (over 90)

Sent: 17 November 2020 09:05
To: Internet - Parks and Landscapes
Subject: Burrows field

To whom this may concern,
we actively encourage the procurement of burrows field as a permanent base for Leckhampton rovers academy.
regards,

Sent: 17 November 2020 09:06
To: Internet - Parks and Landscapes
Subject: Burrows improvements

To whom it may concern
I am a parent of two boys, both of whom play for LRFC (U11 and U13 teams). I am also Team Administrator and Covid-19 rep for both U11 Devils and U13 Hurricanes teams.
As a family we have been involved with the Club for 8 years+. The boys get so much enjoyment from playing football with their friends, with good quality coaching in a safe environment too.
There are numerous benefits of a home ground in that it provides players and coaches with long term stability and the feeling of 'belonging' to a Club. The players get excited when it's a "home" game so it's important for them to have somewhere they can call "home".
The plans for LRFC in securing the Burrows as a home ground have my full support.
Regards.

| Principal Geo-environmental Consultant - Site Evaluation & Restoration |

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Sent: 18 November 2020 07:24
To: Internet - Parks and Landscapes
Subject: Burrows improvements

To whom it may concern.
I am writing in support for the plans that LRFC have proposed for developing the Burrows as a home ground for the club.
As a local resident of Leckhampton (for 20 years) I have enjoyed making use of the local fields for personal exercise and wellbeing. My son (who has played for LRFC since age 7), has also enjoyed the space provided for his football playing. We have appreciated being able to play in our local playing field, just a walk away from where we live.
The football team is a very well-supported and social age group - the parent support from the touch line as committed as the bunch of boys who have grown up together since the start of the team. The team consists of a mix of children from different local primary schools. It is a very cohesive group which has integrated really well, and provides a means of uniting families in a way which local school provision has not been able to.
The players would massively benefit and appreciate a home ground to develop their team potential as they grow older, and would be proud to offer support/inspiration (and perhaps develop some volunteering opportunities) to younger year groups in the club if able to train at the same facility.
Also the planned investment in improving the quality of the playing field would provide a positive experience for footballers as well as a meeting place to welcome visiting teams will be hugely valued.
As a family we would like to continue to support the club, and this will be massively encouraged by providing us with a home venue that's accessible to all (footballers and supporters) throughout the year, as described in the LRFC proposed development plans.
Many thanks for considering and hopefully approving the LRFC plans, it will be a great focal point and asset for our local community to be proud of.

Sent: 17 November 2020 23:18
To: Internet - Parks and Landscapes
Subject: Burrows Playing field project - LRFC

To whom it may concern.

Please find attached a copy of my comments and support for the proposed project by LRFC regarding development of the Burrows playing field.

Kind regards

Sent: 17 November 2020 16:50
To: Internet - Parks and Landscapes
Subject: Burrows Playing Field

To who it may concern,

We are writing to you as grandparents of two boys who are currently members of Leckhampton Rovers Football Club playing in the u11 and u8 teams. We have brought up two sons ourselves and have always been avid followers of their football exploits over the years. We are now excited to be supporting our grandsons and their teams. We have seen first hand the friendships and camaraderie that exist and flourish by being part of a club. In our experience the benefits of having a home ground are huge. It can become a hub for the whole community and help to create and enhance a club's identity. It can provide a stable environment for the whole club, providing coaching and training facilities as well as a base for children, parents and grandparents to meet with the obvious fun and enjoyment this provides.

We support this proposal wholeheartedly and look forward to attending games at The Burrows as part of Leckhampton Rovers Football Club in the near future.

Kind Regards

Sent from my iPhone

Sent: 18 November 2020 07:10
To: Internet - Parks and Landscapes
Subject: Burrows project.

Dear Sir or Madam,

My involvement with Leckhampton Rovers is my son joined a u8 team he is still with his team now at U16's. I also took on coaching the team a few years ago. The team now has 21 players from all over Cheltenham, and at this uncertain time I can honestly say the team and the Club has helped the boys physically and more importantly with their mental well being. The club is inclusive and puts mixed ability before winning at all costs, which is a priority to some clubs.

I am fully behind the burrows project which will bring the club together and give it a home to help with coaching, matches and social events.

Overall I fully support the project and can see it helping the club to grow and provide many benefits to Leckhampton and the whole of Cheltenham.

Kind Regards

Sent: 17 November 2020 16:19
To: Internet - Parks and Landscapes
Subject: Burrows project

To whom it may concern

I am writing to say that Leckhampton Rovers Football Club has my full support for their efforts to secure the Burrows as the home ground for the club.
Having the fields levelled to ensure high quality pitches and the pavilion refitted will be a great benefit to the club and the local community.

My son started by participating in the fabulous Academy training sessions at the Park around three years ago and is now an enthusiastic member of the U10 Warriors Team.
I love seeing how the team is improving thanks to the dedicated efforts of the coaches and I believe playing football as part of a team offers opportunities to gain many valuable life skills.
I personally really enjoy watching the matches and think that if the Burrows were our home ground, we would see even more supporters for the matches and that it would also create a really nice community atmosphere and give teams the opportunity to support each other more easily.

Myself and my family would love to see this project go ahead and we hope that a decision will be made to allow this to happen.

Kind regards

Sent: 17 November 2020 17:27
To: Internet - Parks and Landscapes
Subject: Burrows Upgrade

Hi

I fully support this, it will be great to have a better surface field for football and cricket, circular path also sounds great.

Rgds

Leckhampton Road.

Sent: 17 November 2020 17:43
To: Internet - Parks and Landscapes
Subject: Leckhampton Burrows Field Project

To whom it may concern,

My son is currently part of the under 9s and has been going since the age of five. He has grown massively in confidence in this time and made lots of new friends. The coaches have been amazing in encouraging him and helping him learn new skills which he hasn't always found easy!

It's such a shame and indeed very odd that such an established and we'll know club doesn't have a place it can call home. It would make perfect sense for the sustainability of the club. It would be somewhere safe for the children to all their home ground.

We fully support the plans.

[Leckhampton Wizards]

Sent: 18 November 2020 09:32
To: Internet - Parks and Landscapes
Subject: Leckhampton Rovers FC supporting letter

To Whom It May Concern,

I am mum to 12 year old who has the absolute privilege to play for one of your LRFC teams- U13 Vulcans. Joe only joined in the late summer but if you were to see him at training or matches you would not be able to tell he had just joined - this is an absolute credit to the coaches, the boys and the parents- a true footballing family. He loves playing his football, and is developing week on week- all the boys are, and this is due to the dedication, care and quality of the coaches. Their coaching is stimulating, aspirational and open to everyone - I believe most of the boys have continued their footballing journey from an early age and the joy and love of the game is there to see on their faces every week.

Therefore, as a family, we fully support the plans to secure funding to enable LRFC to have the Burrows as their own home ground and develop it into an inspirational facility. This type of investment would ensure LRFC go from strength to strength, and would positively reinforce the impact that football has on young peoples lives, their families and the community they live in.

Yours sincerely

(parents and supporters of Vulcans)
(Vulcans Player)
(siblings and supporters of Vulcans)
(Grandparents and supporters of Vulcans)

Sent: 17 November 2020 16:36
To: Internet - Parks and Landscapes
Subject: Letter to support LRFC request for Burrows project

Hi

My son plays in the U11's for Leckhampton Rovers (FRFC). He has played since he was 5 and built up a great friendship group with his team members. The season was cut short last year due to Covid and he sorely missed seeing his friends and playing football each week. Now that the season has resumed he is enjoying it more than ever.

I help out with supporting the coach and setting up for the game each week. It is tricky moving the kit to different locations and the club would benefit from a permanent venue. This would give the team a chance to see others teams as well, and gain inspiration from older LRFC players.

Having played rugby and football at clubs in my youth, part of the enjoyment is debating the game afterwards with other members of the club. A permanent facility enables this and I am therefore fully supportive.

Regards

Sent: 19 November 2020 18:39
To: Internet - Parks and Landscapes
Subject: LRFC - Burrows Proposal (Message of Support)

To whom it may concern

I have 2 children that play for LRFC at U14 & U18 - both have attended since they were 5 years of age.

The club has been a tremendous benefit to their lives - offering them physical education, camaraderie and excellent training to help them develop their skills.

However, what the club really needs are some dedicated home grounds which offer a quality playing surface and appropriate changing facilities. This will be of direct benefit to the community of Leckhampton and beyond - encouraging even more local children to have the chance to play - particularly given the increased housing in the area and expected increase in population. The plans for LRFC at Burrows have my full support.

261 Old Bath Road
Leckhampton
GL53 9EF

Sent: 17 November 2020 09:06
To: Internet - Parks and Landscapes
Subject: LRFC plans for own home ground

To whom it may concern,

We are writing in support of LRFC securing the Burrows as a home ground for the club. We are the Parents of 2 boys who both play for LRFC teams in age groups under 16 and under 13. They both love being part of LRFC as they love their football, the friendships they have made within their teams and the great coaching that they have received. It would be fantastic to have a quality home ground which would encourage future players and be something our current players can be proud of. It can only be a good thing for the local community and the plans have our full support.

Yours faithfully

Sent: 17 November 2020 22:38
To: Internet - Parks and Landscapes
Subject: Re: LRFC PLANS FOR THEIR OWN HOME GROUND

Hi

I am writing in support of Leckhampton Rovers obtaining their own training ground. My son started football training at the academy in 2017 when he was just 5. Every Saturday my husband would take him and soon became a Leckhampton Rovers coach for the under 7s. Since then the team has grown in numbers creating a dynamic group of enthusiast children. Building on their cognitive skills, team building and self confidence. Not only do the boys have a love of football but they have grown real friendships amongst them.

To have their own training ground would be amazing as there were a number of occasions when they could not train due to the University either using the grounds or making the decision to cancel the use of it. This year in particular they have been unable to use 'The Park Campus' which I believe has had a massive impact on all the children, and coaches, morale and mental health.

A ground they can call home would make them even prouder to be apart of Leckhampton Rovers.

Kind Regards

Parent

Sent: 17 November 2020 18:59
To: Internet - Parks and Landscapes
Subject: Support for Leckhampton Rovers/ Burrows

Dear Sir/ Madam

My son has been a member of Leckhampton Gootball Club for the last two years and is currently playing in the Vulcans under 13s. I am writing to give my wholehearted support to plans to secure the Burrows as a homeground for them.

I have always found Leckhampton Rovers to be incredibly well run and the commitment the coaches show is admirable. My son gets immense pleasure from playing, and loves the training and the matches. It's great that he can play in the local area with his friends and feel part of a local community. Events this year have made us appreciate this more than ever, and stress the importance for young people to have an outlet to have opportunities for regular exercise, to be challenged, and to have a sense of belonging.

I feel it would be hugely beneficial for Leckhampton to have their own ground, to develop stability and continuity in training and matches. Having a home ground would support a sense of pride and ownership amongst the boys.

Kind regards

Sent: 21 November 2020 20:16
To: Internet - Parks and Landscapes
Subject: Burrow's field

To whom it may concern

Good afternoon

I am emailing in full support of the proposed improvements to Burrow's Field. Our son aged 16 has played football for Leckhampton Rovers Meteors for 6 years. He has gained in so many ways over these years - friendship, exercise, fun, skills, and has benefitted from some amazing coaching. It would be fantastic for him, and so many others, to have an improved facility so close to home. We currently have to drive several miles to his 'home ground' in Winchcombe. I wonder how many families this has put off joining the club over the years? We have lived in Leckhampton for 22 years and have seen Burrow's Field grow and develop in this time - we have supported all of these improvements as they give so much to the community, both now and in the future.

I really hope this amazing project goes ahead

Kind regards

Sent: 17 November 2020 11:50
To: Internet - Parks and Landscapes
Subject: Burrows Field & LRFC

To whom it may concern:-

I have been affiliated with Leckhampton Rovers for over 10 years.

During that time I have been a coach at the Academy and a manager of one of the many teams run by the club.

In my time with the club I have seen it grow and thrive starting with a couple of dozen children at the Saturday Morning Academy on the fields of Leckhampton Primary School through to last

Saturday (17/10/20) when there were over 120 children playing football at the Park Campus of Gloucestershire University.

During this time I have seen many children (my own included) grow in confidence due to the skills imparted by the club.

A home ground for Leckhampton Rovers feels like the next natural step. It will allow the club to expand further and continue to provide excellent community based football coaching to children of all ages.

My son has loved playing for LRFC, has built a strong friendship group based on their shared love of the sport and has learned the lessons of sportsmanship and teamwork that the club ethos engenders. He is now volunteering on a Saturday morning as part of his DofE Silver Award.

The plans that the club have for a home ground have my full support.

Yours

Sent: 17 November 2020 09:21
To: Internet - Parks and Landscapes
Subject: Burrows Field

To whom it may concern

We have a young family with three children some / all of which we hope will play for Leckhampton Rovers at some point in the future. We live locally on the Leckhampton Road.

It would be fantastic to have an enhanced facility available locally which will give our children a platform to enjoy sport within the local community.

The plans have our full support.

Regards

Sent: 15 November 2020 08:38
To: Internet - Parks and Landscapes
Subject: Burrows field

Dear Councilor's

I would like you to acknowledge my full support for the improvements to Burrow fields. We as family use this playing field to walk, meet other families and my two sons use the field to play Sunday league football. It is a jewel in the Leckhampton area, and the planned improvements are totally welcome and overdue.
Kind regards

Sent: 15 November 2020 21:58
To: Internet - Parks and Landscapes
Subject: Burrows Field Development

What a wonderful idea, one I fully support '.

Sent: 21 November 2020 13:13
To: Internet - Parks and Landscapes
Subject: Burrows field

To whom It may concern:

My son has been playing for LRFC for over 3 years and now plays for the Lions U10 - he loves it. From a personal point of view he has made strong friendships and the experience & confidence he has gained has helped towards life skills is invaluable. I think LRFC having a permanent home at Burrows is a wonderful idea and I really like the sustainable and inclusive approach and would be extremely happy to see this realised. Many thanks

Sent: 26 November 2020 17:18
To: Internet - Parks and Landscapes
Subject: Burrows football ground.

To Whom It May Concern

Further to the general interest in improving the Burrows Football Ground I would like you to respond sympathetically to the proposal.

We understand the concern of the locals as regards possible car congestion especially as we live on Whaddon Road and know what it is like when there are football matches both in the parks and at Cheltenham Town.

However, we have two children who play for Leckhampton Rovers and, more generally, a good facility is always an attraction to occupy the youth and give them some pride in their activities.

Furthermore, if the ground is improved, it makes the Burrows a fall-back option if other pitches are flooded.

More generally, in these Covid-19 times it is good to encourage all healthy outdoor events for the benefit of our children's future.

God bless,

Sent: 17 November 2020 09:22
To: Internet - Parks and Landscapes
Subject: Burrows Ground...

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to give my full support to Leckhampton Rovers' plan to obtain The Burrows as a home ground.

As the parent of two boys who for two years have played in Leckhampton Rovers' groups (currently Year 1 and Year 2 respectively), I recognise the huge value of having good club facilities, which are able to support learning new skills, quality coaching and the friendship and enjoyment (for both my boys and myself) that goes with having a club 'home'.

By having one's own ground, it is clear that the club will be in a more stable position financially, will be able to provide consistent coaching opportunities and ways for those in the community to get involved.

Furthermore, I am aware of the value of having a community hub and the benefit this brings to the local area. I feel that having such a hub will be an invaluable resource for the wider community.

I would very much look forward to the club obtaining The Burrows, and give this proposal my wholehearted support.

Yours sincerely,

Sent: 15 November 2020 13:39
To: Internet - Parks and Landscapes
Subject: Burrows improvement

Good afternoon,

We have recently received a note about the Burrows Improvements and I would like to make one comment.

This relates to the 'circular walk' that will be provided.

I think a circular walk is a great idea but I would ask that the path's route along the back of the Peregrine Road houses is sited on the park side of the tree's and not between the 5 trees and the back gardens.

I hope this request makes sense as it would not be ideal to have the path less than 1.5m from the boundary and our back gardens.

Kind regards

21 Peregrine Road
GL530LN

Sent: 15 November 2020 11:19
To: Internet - Parks and Landscapes
Subject: Burrows improvement

Hi, i am very excited about the LRFC proposal and it has my full support ,
Regards

Sent: 15 November 2020 12:05
To: Internet - Parks and Landscapes
Subject: Burrows improvement

This sounds amazing and I would fully support the development,

Sent: 17 November 2020 09:56
To: Internet - Parks and Landscapes
Subject: Burrows improvement

To whom it may concern.

My 12 year old son has been a keen member of Leckhampton Rovers Football Club for the last six years. Thanks to the club and the dedication of his coaches, he and the rest of his team have

received excellent training in football and as a result have become quite a force to be reckoned with, full of football enthusiasm and talent. He always looks forward to his training sessions and match days.

A ground of its own at the Burrows will help to ensure that the club has the stability and sustainability it needs to continue to provide this important service to the young people of Cheltenham.

The plans for the Burrows to be used as the home ground for the LRFC has my full support.

Kind regards,

Sent: 15 November 2020 11:28
To: Internet - Parks and Landscapes
Subject: Burrows Improvement Project

I think this is a fantastic collaboration between CBC and one of the county's biggest and most inclusive football clubs. I believe it will help to secure the long term future of one of Cheltenham's green spaces and finally provide LRFC with a permanent home. Hundreds of young boys and girls have benefitted from playing football at LRFC and this project will ensure this legacy continues well into the future.

Between this and the proposed new walking track it will mean the community has some top notch facilities on it's doorstep. I am confident LRFC will do a great job managing these facilities and the concerns regarding the limited parking.

Sincerely,

Sent: 16 November 2020 08:35
To: Internet - Parks and Landscapes
Subject: Burrows improvement project

Dear Parks and gardens,

My boys enjoy their football and it will be really good to have the improvements at the Burrows.

Sent: 17 November 2020 08:48
To: Internet - Parks and Landscapes
Subject: Burrows improvement project

To whom it may concern.

I'd like to offer my full support to LRFC's plans to secure a home ground at the Burows.

My youngest son has been associated with the club for 5-6 years, starting out with their Wildcats programme. LRFC are a welcoming and inclusive of the LGBTQ commitiny which has encouraged my son to get involved in coaching/volunteering to support future generations of youth football.

The current facilities at Park Campus are OK, however these facilities are not controlled by the club and on many occasions sessions have unfortunately been cancelled, sometimes for several consecutive weeks . Having a home ground will create a more sustainable platform for youth/senior football to continue and thrive in Cheltenham. In this current climate, and potentially future climates, a home ground will also enable the club to have a more controlled and safe

environment whilst giving a greater opportunity for people to volunteer and gain valuable coaching/leadership/team building skills.

Lockdown has had a detrimental impact on my son, the level of isolation has caused my son to have quite high levels of social anxiety. My son's school means that several friends are spread across the county or even outside the county, therefore even when restrictions were relaxed physical contact with friends was very limited. Being involved at LRFC provides my son with another community and sense of purpose that has been vital to his mental and physical health.

Having a home with good facilities will enable the LRFC community to grow and provide opportunities to support more people/families in the future.

Kind regards

Sent: 17 November 2020 12:32
To: Internet - Parks and Landscapes
Subject: Burrows improvement project

Good afternoon

I am writing to offer my support for the Burrows improvement project proposed by Leckhampton Rovers football club.

My son has played for Leckhampton Rovers football club for four years and these improvements would really improve the facilities for all of the children who play in the area.

The plans seem well thought through and will improve the amenity for the local community. I like the fact that the work will be done in stages so that everyone can still have access to the Burrows fields. We walk our dog there regularly and will continue to do so during and after the work is complete.

Thank you.

Kind regards
(16 Murvagh Close, Cheltenham, GL53 7QY)

Sent: 14 November 2020 18:09
To: Internet - Parks and Landscapes
Subject: Burrows improvement

Hi,

This project sounds great and has my full support.

It will be great for cheltenham.

Thanks

Sent: 15 November 2020 18:17
To: Internet - Parks and Landscapes
Subject: Burrows Improvements

Hi there,

As a local resident and a parent to a keen footballer, this improvement plan sounds great. It has my full support.

Many thanks,

Sent from my iPhone

Sent: 17 November 2020 08:53
To: Internet - Parks and Landscapes
Subject: Burrows improvements

To whom it may concern,

This is a note to show support for the proposed improvements to Burrows fields for Leckhampton Rovers and the broader community.

My son has recently joined the under 8s setup and loves it. There is a great community spirit around the club, which is a huge attraction given the state of the world this year.

To have improved, stable, 'home' facilities will be a great step forward, not only for the football community but also for everyone in the local area.

Thanks

Sent: 17 November 2020 10:18
To: Internet - Parks and Landscapes
Subject: Burrows improvements - support

To whom it may concern

I'm writing to register my strong support for the proposals for Leckhampton Rovers FC to secure the Burrows as a permanent home ground.

As the parent of a keen footballer, I've been involved with Leckhampton Rovers for many years. My son started training with the academy when he was 5 or 6 and is now part of the U11s.

In that time, my experience of the club has been wholly positive. Everything from the quality of the coaching to the administration of the club has been extremely impressive, especially for a club that is one of, if not the, biggest clubs in Cheltenham.

My son has grown within the club making new friends and becoming a decent footballer as a direct result of the training and support he has received. As a parent, I have watched as a supporter from the side lines, helped out on occasions and made new friends as a result.

The facilities used over the years have been more than adequate but it has never felt right that a club the size of Leckhampton exists on a slightly itinerant basis, with training and games spread across a number of venues.

This often means the club, and the many kids who count on it for their football, are at the mercy of third parties - for example, a recent league match at Naunton Park was played on grass that was far too long for a decent game. I feel that having a home ground would put the club on a more stable footing and enable it to solidify its position as the hub of the Leckhampton footballing community. As a parent, knowing the future of the club is secured in this way, for my son to enjoy for many years to come is very important. I'm also confident that the club will be a responsible and considerate custodian of the ground should this project go ahead.

The proposals therefore have my complete support.

Thanks

Sent: 22 November 2020 16:27
To: Internet - Parks and Landscapes
Subject: Burrows improvements

I fully support this development

Sent: 14 November 2020 18:29
To: Internet - Parks and Landscapes
Subject: Burrows improvements

Hi

I would just like to say I fully support this project and it sounds like a great proposition to improve the current facilities.

Regards

Sent: 14 November 2020 18:46
To: Internet - Parks and Landscapes
Subject: Burrows improvements

Dear all,

I would like to express my support for the proposed project.

It will be even more important in the post COVID world to provide leisure facilities for the Cheltenham children.

Thanks very much

Sent: 14 November 2020 18:53
To: Internet - Parks and Landscapes
Subject: Burrows improvements

Totally support this fantastic and much needed local initiative. Well done to all involved.

Sent: 14 November 2020 18:53
To: Internet - Parks and Landscapes
Subject: Burrows improvements

Hello,

I wanted to get in contact to show my support for Leckhampton Rover's plans for Burrows Playing field.

As a resident of Arden Road (30 seconds walk from Burrows), I think a focus on the improvement of the field is such a good idea and will provide a great resource for lots of children in the area.

All the best LRFC and I fully support the project.

Thanks

Sent: 14 November 2020 19:15

To: Internet - Parks and Landscapes

Subject: Burrows improvements

To who

16 Moorend Grove
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Comments: 27th November 2020

This appears to be an engineering task far greater than the pump track construction. That caused me significant inconvenience during construction with lorries Qing up early mornings. The noise was even louder than the usual high volume traffic in this bottleneck and my drive was often blocked. Even though the plans are spread out over 2 years? I don't see how u are going to mitigate against even more inconvenience to me.

Traffic/parking

The traffic volume has increased significantly ove the least few years , especially with large vans/cars carrying bikes and with increases due to school expansions/use, other sports (not just football) and increases in houses (more to come). This means that parking is an issue not just at weekends. There is no enforcement of legal parking so double parking , parking on pavements and across my drive is common. This is not only inconvenient for me but is dangerous for pedestrians and the ever increasing cyclists using park. Your plans again don't offer solutions to this. It is naive to think that offering solutions for footballing community wil resolve this issue. COVID has illustrated it will not as organised football has not taken place and still the parking issues persiist