Proposal for the Extension and Management of Junior Football Facilities at Victory Ground

Submitted by:

Barnoldswick Town Juniors Football Club Committee

Proposal Summary

Barnoldswick Town Juniors Football Club respectfully requests permission from Barnoldswick Town Council to incorporate the field directly adjacent to the Victory Ground into our existing football facilities and to extend the current perimeter fencing to encompass this area.

The proposal seeks to improve the quality, sustainability and long-term management of the junior football pitches currently used by local children and young people, while ensuring the area remains safe, attractive and well-maintained for the wider community.

Background

Barnoldswick Town Juniors FC provides football opportunities for a large number of local children across a range of age groups. Several junior matches and training sessions are already held on the pitches adjacent to the Victory Ground, and demand for suitable playing and training facilities continues to increase.

The additional area would enable the club to better manage and maintain the playing surface, ensuring that facilities remain fit for purpose throughout the year.

Proposed Works

The club proposes to:

- Extend the existing perimeter fence line from its current position to run alongside the pathway leading from Victory Park to the footbridge that leads to Greenberfield Lane
- Install a rear perimeter fence that connects with the existing fencing infrastructure, creating a secure and clearly defined boundary around the enlarged facility.
- Install access gates at the front of the site to provide controlled access for maintenance equipment and authorised personnel.
- Undertake ongoing pitch maintenance including:
    - Drainage improvements where required.
    - Regular grass cutting and pitch upkeep.

- Reseeding and renovation works during the off-season.
- General maintenance to ensure a safe and high-quality playing surface.

Environmental Considerations

The club recognises the importance of protecting the recently planted trees located along the existing perimeter fence line.

As part of this proposal, Barnoldswick Town Juniors FC will install a low protective fence around the newly planted trees to prevent accidental damage during maintenance activities and football use. This will help ensure the trees are protected and allowed to mature successfully, contributing positively to the local environment and biodiversity.

Community Benefits

Approval of this proposal will provide several benefits to the local community:

- Improved sporting facilities for local children and young people.
- Increased opportunities for participation in organised sport and physical activity.
- Enhanced management and maintenance of the playing surface.
- Reduced deterioration of pitches through improved drainage and seasonal renovation.
- Protection and enhancement of existing environmental features, including newly planted trees.
- Continued development of Barnoldswick Town Juniors FC as a positive community asset.

Commitment from Barnoldswick Town Juniors FC

The club is committed to working closely with Barnoldswick Town Council to ensure the area is maintained to a high standard and remains an attractive, safe and sustainable community facility.

Request

Barnoldswick Town Juniors FC respectfully requests that Barnoldswick Town Council considers and approves this proposal to allow the extension of the existing fenced area and the ongoing management of the adjacent field for junior football activities.

Costs associated with the proposed fencing & gates we'd hope to split the costs

We would welcome the opportunity to discuss the proposal further and provide any additional information required by the Council.



RED – Current Fence Line

YELLOW – New Proposed Fence Line, incorporating a gate along the short edge, marked with X

GREEN – Recently planted trees which would be protected by installing a low protective wooden fence