

Reduction of Green Space

The size of the development dictates that it cannot be accommodated on a brown field site within the borough.

The enabling development as with many other similar schemes is essential to deliver a Community Stadium Complex.

Should the project become a reality the unfortunate reduction of this green space will in return see a massive community benefit and sustainability for the Club.

Mariners Trust

As an organisation we are committed to promoting Grimsby Town Football Club and football in general within the local community. We have around 800 members and are an entirely voluntary organisation that are run by a Board made up of people from varying backgrounds such as Finance, Legal, Sales Management, Civil Service, Marketing, NHS management and Health and Safety.

We truly believe that the Football Club needs the community and community needs the Football Club which makes this project vital for the whole area.

Recently over 2000 signatures were collected within two weeks supporting relocation to Peaks Parkway and a survey amongst the Mariners Trust members also shows 93% in favour of relocation.

We can fully understand some of the concerns being raised particularly bearing in mind the way certain aspects of the proposal have been fuelled by misleading and unnecessary comments.

We would ask that everyone keeps an open mind and holds faith that the planning process that will ensure full consultations take place. Issues and concerns brought up will be fully considered and mitigated as far as possible to create a scheme that has the minimum impact on residents with a overwhelming community benefit.

We hope that you find this information useful and ask that you contact your local Ward Councillor in the forthcoming elections to ensure they know your wishes for the project.

DON'T LET THE MINORITY HAVE THE BIGGEST SAY.

SIGN UP TO OUR e-petition and contact your Ward Councillor and let your views be known.

www.gtfccommunitystadium.co.uk

FEEDBACK SLIP

If you don't have access to a computer, please complete the slip below with your details authorising us to add your name to the e-petition.

First Name:

Last Name:

Address:

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Postcode:

Email:

I authorise you to add my name and details to the petition.

Please return to GTFC offices or Mariners Trust at 9 Rymer Place, Cleethorpes, North East Lincolnshire DN35 0EW or contact us on 01472 605050 and we will make arrangements to collect.



Mariners Trust
Supporting Grimsby Town Football Club

Consultation with Grimsby Town Football Club

For Relocation to Peaks Parkway

The Mariners Trusts findings are contained within this circular.

The Trust are asking for you to show the Council your overwhelming support for a new Community Stadium Complex that we can all be proud of, securing the Club's future for generations to come.

Say YES

to a Community Stadium Complex to be proud of....



Grimsbury Town Football Club have an ambition to relocate to the Peaks Parkway site which will ensure sustainability for the Mariners and safeguard its future. The proposals have the potential to become a major regeneration project in the local area attracting substantial inward investment, increased employment and a new Community Stadium Complex.

There are many examples around the country where other Community Stadiums have been built such as Doncaster, Swansea and Hull. All of these clubs were under the threat of going out of business prior to construction of new stadia but now all are sustainable, with, Swansea and Hull both in the Premiership.

Grimsbury Town Football Club is not wealthy and cannot deliver this project without significant support from an enabling development designed at raising a large element of the required funding.

IT'S NOT JUST A FOOTBALL STADIUM, but a destination to be proud of with community facilities.

Community Leisure Complex comprising

- 14000 seat stadium and home of GTFCC
- all weather multi-use pitches
- health and wellbeing centre
- education and training centre
- multi-sport potential for rugby, netball, cricket
- car parking (street sports)
- Grimsby Town Sports & Education Trust centre - 2000m²
- Football in the Community sports participation
- Futsal programme
- NEET provision
- Inclusion & disability projects
- Health & Education
- 163,000 annual aggregate engagement hours

Commercial enabling development comprising

- hotel and restaurants
- petrol filling station
- retail

- safeguarding GTFCC for future generations - 150 jobs
- construction employment - 500 jobs
- new permanent employment circa 500 jobs
- inward investment of £80m
- business centre - 3500sqm
- new business opportunities
- 2000 space car park plus coach spaces (potential Park & Ride)

Why not Redevelop Blundell Park?

Blundell Park has been the home of Grimsby Town Football Club for over 100 years. It was built in Victorian times and is outdated and very costly to maintain and repair.

The site is constrained by housing to all four boundaries limiting potential redevelopment quite simply if ten million pounds was to be invested at Blundell Park, it wouldn't improve income streams to the point of sustainability and access, congestion and car parking would continue to be a major issue.

Why not Great Coates?

Following a lengthy and very costly process, planning permission was finally granted in December 2007 for a stadium to be built at Great Coates. Unfortunately a combination of the downturn in the economy, land costs and expensive conditions attached to the planning permission rendered the scheme undeliverable at Great Coates.

Why Peaks Parkway?

The Club have considered six other sites in detail. Peaks Parkway was deemed as being the only site having the right attributes to enable delivery of the

Traffic congestion

In terms of road usage, football matches are played at off peak times and therefore will not add to current congestion. Present tailbacks at the likes of Hewitt's Circus and Toll Bar roundabouts could be reduced with some people stopping off to shop at the new complex.

Impact on Local Residents

The Club recognises this concern and wishes to assure residents that a full consultation will be undertaken, with the intention of listening to issues raised and ensuring the minimum negative impact should the scheme be given approval. The planning process as stewarding to be implemented to control supporters along new pathways down Peaks Parkway and also ensure litter is collected after matches.

Weelsby Avenue Congestion

This scheme has the ability to divert school and crematorium traffic away from Weelsby Avenue and onto a new access road which will alleviate considerable existing problems. Traffic control measures would be implemented on match days.

Crowd Noise

Modern stadia are designed to contain sound much better than Blundell Park and the nearest house will be 450 meters from the Community Stadium. St Andrews Hospice will be in excess 800 meters away from the Stadium on the opposite side of the A16 which is lined by two large hedgerows.

Travel and Access Plan

Throughout the planning process the Club will be required to demonstrate a sustainable access and egress plan which will address the modes of transport used to attend matches ie. walking, cycling, public transport, car and coach travel. Park and ride facilities will be provided in conjunction with buss operators which will include transport direct from the train station.

Will it adversely affect nearby house prices?

There is no reason why this should be the case. In fact there is some evidence (SHURA Dr LE Davies) that houses in the vicinity of new community developments such as this may even rise in price.

Interestingly while the debate about relocation to Great Coates was taking place, two housing developments were built and sold out.

Loss of Allotment Space

Allotment holders should be comforted by the fact that the Secretary of State will need to give permission for any changes to the current site.

The allotment along Peaks Parkway is less than fifty percent utilised and there may be some space available at the nearby Weelsby Road allotments. However, it is very likely that the existing site users can be accommodated into the scheme with improved facilities.

Surely it will be too close to the Cemetery and Crematorium?

There are many examples where stadia and cemetery's are closely located such as at AFC Bournemouth, Bury FC, Chelsea FC, Plymouth Argyle FC, Watford FC, AFC Wimbledon and the new site for York City. There are no adverse findings to suggest this to be a problem and the Club is well known locally for its support of families in times of bereavement.