

From: Bill Bagnell
Sent: 26 April 2017 13:52
To: ron.renton@btinternet.com
Cc: ericbaileyttfc@gmail.com; Nick Carter; Richard Turner
Subject: RE: Thatcham Town FC CONFIDENTIAL

Ron,

Good to meet you and Eric again and thank you for arranging the meeting.

Thank you for confirming the offer of a ground share with Newbury Football Club (NFC) is still in place. I fully understand the offer is subject to agreement and cannot remain open indefinitely due to other offers made to Thatcham Town FC (TTFC) and that specifically Woodley FC will use your grounds next season and you are very reluctant to terminate that on-going arrangement unless Newbury Football Club (NFC) are serious. I note that NFC must make meaningful approaches to you by September this year. To that end I recommend a letter goes out from WBC to NFC reminding them that TTFC's offer is still in place but only until Sept this year and that bearing in mind NFC must vacate the club grounds June next year, NFC are strongly advised to open negotiations with TTFC. Subject to Mr Nick Carter's view (WBC CEO), this letter can also be copied to Berks & Buck FA, possibly also to Sport England.

I note with interest that you have been advised that Berks & Bucks FA funding for a new synthetic turf pitch (STP) at your ground is dependent on whether that money is spent instead on the pitch at London Road and that the Berks & Bucks FA rep is stating the ground at London Road will be retained. As said the Council will pursue a planning application on the London Road Industrial Estate, that it will include the football ground and that the Council are fully prepared for the issue to be looked at by the Secretary of State. It is good to hear that TTFC has planning consent for the new STP. I can confirm that the application would have been referred to Sport England (who clearly had no objections) and that Berks & Bucks FA are not a statutory consultee like Sport England and had no automatic Planning rights to involve themselves in your application unless their involvement was specifically requested by Sport England. It would appear Sport England chose not to refer your application to Berks & Bucks FA.

It was very useful to understand the league NFC plays in does not require an enclosed ground with turn stiles – green open space, roped off and with reasonable access to showers / changing / toilets (playing on Northcroft / Victoria being possibilities) and portable dug outs. If NFC fails to reach agreement with TTFC or fails to even make contact, Northcroft and / or Victoria can be looked at as a fall back should Members be minded to support this.

I will be in touch again once we have agreed this end the format of a reminder notice to NFC.

Kind regards, Bill

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Bill

Thank you for taking the time to come and see us today.

As discussed here is Eric's email address:

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Ron