



## Why are we (and you!) here?

NCFG have submitted a planning application to redevelop Newbury Football Stadium with new all-weather (3G) pitches, new changing rooms and a new Club House - **We want and need your support.**

## What do we want and need?

- We want to protect and improve our community football ground, this means we have to stop the current plans to demolish it.
- We want to get planning permission from West Berks Council.
- We need West Berks Council to provide long term security of tenure – we need this play in the best leagues.
- With immediate effect we want the ground and pitch to be returned to its rightful (and legal) use.
- We want West Berks Councillors to listen to its voters – we need local democracy to work.

## What's the need and what are the benefits?

- This facility is needed and wanted by the people of Newbury. Over 7,000 signatures were gathered in a 2016 petition to save the ground – “football not flats”. In the last week alone over 1,500 signatures have been gathered supporting the new NCFG planning application.
- New and better facilities are definitely needed. The Football Association conducted a survey of West Berkshire and highlighted the area was 4 full size 3G pitches short to meet the demand of the West Berks community.
- The Faraday Road football pitch and associated facilities is listed by WBC as an Asset of Community Value – which is unequivocal evidence of demand for use and essential value to the community.
- Newbury has a long history of local football, stretching back to 1887. The Newbury Football Ground, the only one in Newbury, has stood on the site since 1963.
- Newbury is home to over 45,000 people and is set to grow by about 6,000 over the next 10 years. All of the evidence concludes that sporting facilities are indisputably essential to maintaining a healthy community.
- The Council are telling us that Newbury doesn't need a football ground. We 100% disagree, we know that it is needed more than ever – we are just asking them to listen to the evidence and listen to their voters.
- Once it's gone it's gone! - Are we prepared to let OUR Council demolish OUR football stadium to allow a private developer to build a handful of flats?

## What can you do to help?

- Go to the NCFG website and follow the link to sign the petition: <http://www.ncfg.uk/>
- Email Nick Carter and tell him what you think: [nick.carter@westberks.com](mailto:nick.carter@westberks.com)
- Come to the Planning Meeting (date tba)