

Norman Park Development Update – 27th November 2019

We are delighted to inform you that our plans for a redeveloped community multi-sports facility at Norman Park were approved unanimously by Bromley Council Development Committee last night (Tuesday 26th November). The application was well supported by the Bees Academy, local athletic clubs, schools, Parkrun, England Athletics, Sport England etc.

The application provides for the demolition of the existing pavilion and construction of a part single and part two storey multi-sports centre within the Norman Park Track site. The new building would be situated in the same location as the existing pavilion.

The proposed facilities include changing rooms, showers, an indoor multi-sports hall, physio and first aid rooms, multi-function rooms (for e.g. various keep fit classes), together with a café/bar, kitchen and function areas. These facilities will support a wide variety of community usage as well as providing the club with new headquarters.

Moving forward the next hurdle is to gain approval from the Greater London Authority (GLA). This usually takes about 6 weeks. In the meantime updated building plans are being developed. These will be used to tender the construction contract. Based on the results of this tender we will be seeking additional funding, on top of the sale of Bourne Way and our reserves, in order to deliver all the facilities as approved. We will be turning to members as well as applying for funding from Sport England, London Marathon etc. We would welcome suggestions from members who have good ideas on how we might close the funding gap*.

Whilst we cannot provide a detailed timetable at the moment, it is anticipated that if all goes well, with the GLA and funding, it is unlikely that construction will commence before the end of the 2020 track and field season.

We will keep you updated as matters progress.

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