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Newbury Community Football Group

A public consultation meeting for the Planning Application for an all-weather (3G) pitch and brand new facilities by Newbury Community Football Group is being held on Thursday the 13th September at the Document House, Newbury with 2 presentations at 6.00pm and 7.00pm

An exciting proposal to redevelop the existing Football Ground to provide state of the art facilities is reaching the final stages of it's planning application to regenerate the ground to provide a facility for the whole of the community.

The application has created further complications to West Berkshire Council in it's controversial plans to demolish Newbury Football Ground without providing any replacement in it's attempt to redevelop the land into flats with property developer St Modwen Estates. The Council's own evidence states that the area around the ground is not needed as housing land

Lee McDougall, spokesman for Newbury Community Football Group who submitted the planning application said, *"We hope lots of people can join us for the Public Consultation on the 13th September, whether you support the application or not, or you would just like to know more. We whole heartedly support the vision to improve the London Road Estate. As part of this vision, our proposal to improve the Community Football Ground with state of the art 3G pitches for all ages and new clubhouse facilities enhances the public-realm and is in harmony with Victoria Park"*

The consultation will take place in the Document House Pub after West Berks Council refused access to the Club House at the football ground itself. We would like to thank the Document House for allowing us to hold this event at their premises"

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Newbury Community Football Group (NCFG) was formed in 2016 to represent the views and needs of the local Newbury community in relation to football.

The Group includes a wide range of local community groups including Newbury FC, AFC Newbury Boys and Girls, AFC Newbury Colts, Newbury Ladies, Newbury District Primary Schools Football Association and Precision Football Coaching

NCFG and its supporters passionately believe football, like all sport, inspires young people and provides a focus for personal and physical development from early years into adulthood and have seen first-hand how sport can turn lives around.

Their key objective is ensure Newbury retains a locally accessible football stadium that can be used by the whole community at both youth and junior level and senior teams playing in top amateur level leagues of the football pyramid

Earlier this year a petition was launched support the initiative and attracted over 5,600 signatures and was key to the decision by the council to change its mind on the eviction notice it served to Newbury F.C

A Quarter Final local derby between AFC Newbury U16 and Woolton Hill U16 on Sunday 6th November 2016, played at Newbury Football Ground. (Newbury won 3.1)

