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### **COMMUNITY SPORT AND LEISURE FACILITIES AT TRENTHAM ACADEMY** **PLANNING APPLICATION CONSULTATION LETTER**

Dear Parents & Carers

It is a pleasure and a privilege to be the Headteacher at Trentham Academy, serving our students and community. As you will be aware, as an Academy, we are proud to have community leisure facilities on our site. Being able to welcome local residents, groups and sporting organisations who offer a diverse range of sport, health and leisure clubs and programmes to the community, across evenings and weekends, is hugely valued by our staff, students, local residents and the wider community alike.

The demand for such programmes and the commitment by the Academy to having such facilities open to the community is very clear. This was evidenced during the global pandemic, where these facilities and programmes were not available due to lockdown and public health measures. I was delighted to receive many requests for information regarding when our facilities could re-open. The strong appetite for community access to programmes was demonstrated prior to, during the global pandemic in light of the 'Return to Play' guidelines where there was an easing of restrictions and also in more recent times. The Academy was moved to consider further significant investment into provision of additional opportunities to help transform lives and communities through sport and physical activity in our community.

I am delighted to be writing to you with exciting news on the proposed development and submission of full planning permission for new high-quality community sport and leisure facilities on site at Trentham Academy. We intend to submit our full planning application to Stoke-on-Trent Local Authority planning team by the end of June. To this end, we would like to invite you to attend a consultation event at the Academy, to hear further details about the proposed facilities and to ask any questions you may have and/or offer your thoughts and comments regarding the proposed planning application.

**Consultation Event: Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June 7pm – 9pm.**

This event will be held in the Main Hall at Trentham Academy, Allerton Road, Trentham ST4 8PQ.



In order for us to plan and accommodate the consultation event, I would appreciate it if you would either complete and return the slip at the foot of this letter, to the academy or email confirmation of your attendance, for the attention of Mrs Joanne Shaw at: [trentham@clt.trentham.coop](mailto:trentham@clt.trentham.coop)

Prior to the consultation event, I provide introductory information on page 2 below, as background and context to the proposed facilities development.

I look forward to welcoming you to Trentham Academy for the consultation event and to having the opportunity to share further details with you, take your questions and hear your views.

Yours sincerely,



Mr. M. Whittingham  
Headteacher

I will be attending the Consultation event for the proposed planning application for high quality sport and leisure facility at Trentham Academy.

Event	Number of persons attending	Does anyone in your party have accessibility needs? If yes, please advise	Further details regarding accessibility needs. <i>(Or a telephone number we can contact you on to discuss your needs)</i>
Consultation Event <b>Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> June</b> <b>7pm</b>			

Please return this slip to Mrs J. Shaw. Trentham Academy, Allerton Road, Trentham ST4 8PQ.

Email: [trentham@clt.trentham.coop](mailto:trentham@clt.trentham.coop) and mark emails for the attention of Mrs J. Shaw

### **Background and Context – An Introduction to the proposed development of excellent community sport and leisure facilities at Trentham Academy**

We are extremely fortunate to have established a fabulous partnership with North Stafford Hockey Club, through shared values, passion, and commitment to offering the development of a superb hockey facility and multi-sport Artificial Grass Pitch. This facility is key to our vision of ensuring that the City Learning Trust Estate serves the local and wider communities in the most highly effective way. The provision of excellent facilities and resources which meet and serve the diverse needs of communities, supporting social, economic, health and well-being and environmental needs, firmly underpinned by strong corporate and social responsibility.

Moreover, this facility plays an integral role in the development of North Stafford Hockey Club, the primary and largest hockey club within Stoke-on-Trent and Newcastle-under-Lyme. This is in support of the



development of the Club's community outreach programme in conjunction with the City Learning Trust; formulating a long-term partnership, between our organisations in the development of the uptake of the sport hockey across the city. This development is an incredible opportunity for this partnership to have a significant impact across our community and revolutionise the position of the sport of hockey within the local area.

Working in partnership is critical to realising our vision of 'entitlement for all' and alongside our partnership with North Stafford Hockey Club, City Learning Trust and North Stafford Hockey Club are also delighted to have the support of England Hockey and Sport England. We are also working closely with the Stoke-on-Trent Health and Leisure Team alongside other key partners and organisations dedicated to meeting the needs of our communities.

The strategic aims of our partnership in developing these facilities are to:

- Increase levels of engagement in hockey as a chosen sport, regularly and meaningfully, across backgrounds, ages, and stages, across multiple generations and across diverse groups.
- Improve upon the physical health and well-being of our communities, encouraging recognition of the strong relationship between active participation in sport and good physical health
- Support the mental health and well-being of our communities, encouraging recognition of the strong relationship between active participation in and socialisation through sport, and good mental health.
- Support the aspirations of our young people, enabling them to realise their individual dreams of having access to and developing excellence and expertise in and across a wide range of sports, and in particular, hockey.
- Ensure that communities can connect with, and benefit from having access to excellent, local sporting facilities.
- Ensure that excellence in facilities is developed, maintained, and sustained, through effective business planning to expand upon, support and secure the future of high-quality facilities.
- Actively contribute to the economic development of Stoke-on-Trent, and provision of excellent community facilities, which support employers and third party providers.

At the Consultation events, you will have the opportunity to meet and hear from representatives from the City Learning Trust Executive Team and Board of Trustees, leaders from Trentham Academy and Committee members from North Stafford Hockey Club.

In addition, there will be a presentation from Simon Clare, specialist consultant and designer from Notts Sports, who will be leading on the planning application and related designs and construction planning for the facility.

Following the presentation, there will be an opportunity for you to ask questions, share thinking and contribute views to the proposals

