



Christine Waring

Artificial Pitch Proposal

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Jon Crompton

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To: Christine Waring Cc: Dave Enright

Christie,

Please see the response to your letter from John and Sally Roberts below.

In previous projects I have done with John and Sally, how it works is we have a project designed and put in for planning permission therefore giving us a design to actually cost rather than sketches / layouts (hence Johns comments RE Indicative budget). I will then approach the specialist subcontractors for written quotations and liaise with them with regards to the programme / start dates etc. This project is only forecast to take 6 weeks so there will only be 1 interim payment and then a final payment. I receive the application for payment from the subcontractor and verify it on Johns behalf who will then make the payment to the Barlow to then pass onto the subcontractor.

The main issue I have now is the level of design which has a knock on effect to the level of certainty we can get in pricing from subcontractors. I don't want to go any further with things and incurring further costs from architects/designers until we get an indication from the Barlow that this is a project they will give authority to and support.

If you need anything further do not hesitate to contact me

Regards

Jon Crompton

Dear Christine,

Thank you for your letter and I understand your position.

I think it's useful to give some context to the situation;

Firstly to clarify that this concept in no way involves the AO Smile Foundation and discussions have been held on a private personal basis.

Sally and I were asked if we would financially support ECC in their development of new changing rooms and associated alterations.

Our answer was that we were minded to help but if changing rooms were the priority then they should be largely funded by the beneficiaries of the cricket facilities and there is no shortage of wealth associated with them to be able to fund new changing rooms.

There seemed to us to be a much needed upgrade required but that it didn't really improve the facility for the community or change the cost or revenue dynamics of the club.

We therefore proposed the idea of the AstroTurf football pitch with cricket nets on the end which can be used by a much wider section of the community and generate a much greater income for a much longer period of the year, attracting many more people to the Barlow and cricket club facility which it seems to us can only have a

positive impact on longevity for both and community cohesion; thus a better investment from us.

It makes sense to us for that pitch to be for the primary use of Turton Tigers given they are the local team and others thereafter. There is a significant shortage of such facilities in Bolton and so it should be able to be rented a lot of the usable time when it doesn't conflict with other events such as cricket matches, at which time it will be a great area for the kids to play safely on.

To our mind this was a win win situation because the current tennis courts are useless due to being in a state of disrepair and there is no shortage of great local tennis clubs.

We were minded to pay the full cost up to £200k for the facility as long as the conditions were agreed around its use and the spirit of its intended revenue output.

We haven't been overly specific about drawdown and would work with what makes sense. I have asked Jon Crompton as a member of our family to oversee and manage the project so I would be willing to delegate drawdown authority to him.

If the project were to run over the intended budget then we would need to understand what that looks like. To date we don't have a final price, only indicative.

Our intention was simply to help by donating a fantastic facility to the community. We hadn't anticipated the complications or politics that have developed accepting that we do understand their logic.

I hope that points some colour into the concept for you and is helpful.

Very best wishes

John and Sally Roberts



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