

**Tonbridge Racecourse Sportsground Management Plan 2014-2018 Consultation Draft
Summary of Consultation Comments and Proposed Amendments**

Respondent	Summary of Comments	Proposed Amendment
1. Tonbridge Junior Football Club	The plan appears to have been designed for use by the local Council, without giving due priority to the needs of users. Indeed the list of acknowledgements does not include any Sportsground users.	This Plan has had a full public consultation and takes into consideration a User Survey undertaken in 2012. Tonbridge Sports Association (TSA) has been consulted and is acknowledged within the Plan. No change
2. Tonbridge Junior Football Club	Table 8 (list of stakeholders) does not include any long term tenants.	Formal liaison with Clubs is managed through the TSA. All tenant clubs are, however, acknowledged in the Plan in Table 2. No change.
3. Tonbridge Junior Football Club	Community involvement section - Tonbridge Junior Football Club is not mentioned which is a long term tenant and use over 80% of the football pitches in compartment 2.	Add text to acknowledge the involvement of the Tonbridge Junior Football Club in the Community involvement section Update Plan.
4. Tonbridge Sports Association and Tonbridge Junior Football Club	The description of TSA needs more detail suggest "... are actively involved in the representation of sports clubs using ..."	Update wording in Plan.

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5. Tonbridge Junior Football Club	Too much emphasis is placed on the TSA. Whilst it is a useful advisor and mediator between TMBC and the clubs it has limited resources and is not able to react to significant changes in rules demanded by the governing bodies. The TSA is not involved in managing individual clubs' affairs.	The TSA is considered a vital link between the Clubs and the Council in running the Sportsground. No change.
6. Tonbridge Junior Football Club	Concerns that the User Survey is unrepresentative and does not pick up comments from sports club users through the autumn/winter months.	Mechanisms are in place to seek formal feedback from the clubs on a regular basis throughout the year via formal TSA meetings. No change.
7. Tonbridge Junior Football Club	Concern that clubs should have had a longer period to return comments.	Noted – a five week consultation period was felt to be sufficient/appropriate.
8. Tonbridge Junior Football Club	The report focuses unrealistically on nature when sport is the main use of the site, in particular in compartment 2 where a high volume of community use is a stated priority.	The Council has a legal duty to consider biodiversity - it is felt that opportunities do exist to increase biodiversity on the site without compromising casual/formal use. No change.
9. Tonbridge Junior Football Club	The proposed work programme is not specific enough with no specific targets for completion.	Whilst the Five Year Work Programme provides guidance for development over this period Annual Action Plans, will be drawn up from this and set out targets for the year ahead. No change.

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10. Tonbridge Junior Football Club	Appendix 7 shows the Regal Pavilion in compartment 1 rather than 2.	Update drawing and Plan.
11. Tonbridge Junior Football Club	A number of operational issues have also been raised by the Club, which will need further discussion in liaison with the TSA.	Projects 5 and 7 are the mechanisms that will be used to follow this up. No change.
12. Tonbridge Junior Football Club	Tonbridge Junior Football Club is one the largest in Kent. The grounds are excellent and seen as some of the best in Kent - being regularly maintained to a high standard.	Comments noted. No change.
13. Medway Valley Countryside Partnership	Table 5 - 93% of the land is amenity grassland - considerable biodiversity plus habitat connectivity gains could be made by allocating a small percentage (3%) to a meadow. This could be done by expanding linear features or dedicated meadow habitats across the sportsground. This would provide an attractive display in summer reducing mowing costs and over three years save money.	Project 26 recognises the need to investigate this further although there is limited scope to decrease amenity grassland without compromising sports use. Noted.
14. Tonbridge Sports Association	Table 3 - the cricket season starts in May.	Update Plan.
15. Tonbridge Sports Association	Formal recreation – the Angling Society should be mentioned.	Update Plan.
16. Tonbridge Sports Association	Table 4 - Delete sand applied in wet periods and wickets prepared three times a week.	Update Plan.
17. Tonbridge Sports Association	Table 7 - suggest deleting skills days, Open Days, Summer Soccer Skills.	Alter the title of Table 7 to Typical annual 'activities' as opposed to "Events".

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18. Tonbridge Sports Association	Page 28 - can Tonbridge Canoe Club be added to the list?	Update Plan.
19. Tonbridge Sports Association	Table 8 - add the Tonbridge and District Angling and Fish Preservation Society.	Update Plan.
20. Tonbridge Sports Association	Page 30 - delete floodlighting from Capital Plan section.	Update Plan.
21. Tonbridge Sports Association	Page 32 - lease holders add Tonbridge Canoe Club.	Update Plan.
22. Member of the public	The dog bins need emptying more frequently - they are frequently full.	Frequency to be reviewed although currently reflects contract arrangements. No change.
23. Member of the public	More litter bins are required in compartment 2 - there are not enough for the amount of litter.	Project 28 includes a review of provision. No change.
24. Member of the public	No barbeques - please enforce this, as this leaves burnt areas of grass.	Noted – comments will be passed to the site ranger. No change.
25. Member of the public	No cycling – more signs are required - bicycles are everywhere often at speed with the attitude they have the right of way over pedestrians.	Add review of signs to Project 28. Update Plan.

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26. Member of the public	Good idea to expand the refreshments facilities and toilets by the play area.	Support noted. No change.
27. Local Council Member	Not sure how important it is to have loos by the play area bearing in mind the cost of the building and cleaning etc. Concerned regarding the cost effectiveness of provision of new toilet near to the play area.	Noted. New toilets are to be considered alongside the proposed new refreshment facility. Consideration will be given to the cost effectiveness of any proposals. No change.
28. Local Council Member	Page 18 far boundary needs a better explanation	Reword to state 'northern' boundary. Update Plan.
29. Local Council Member	When is the chemical application book cross-checked with the chemical store? Also what protective clothing is used?	Details on chemical use are specifically detailed within the Grounds Maintenance Contract. No change.
30. Local Council Member	Table 5 Key habitats – do we need the International/European and National columns when they remain empty?	This is a standard table used in all previous Plans and allows comparisons to be drawn. An explanation on the grades of importance is shown in Appendix 8 and will now be included within Table 5. Update Plan.

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31. Local Council Member	Page 28 define Diversity training.	Provide an explanation. Update plan.
32. Local Council Member	Appendix 1 needs a compass as it is so small.	Add to the map. Update Plan.
33. Local Council Member	Appendix 1 map would have been better at the beginning of the Plan.	Noted – for continuity all plans have been placed within the appendices. No change.
34. Local Council Member	Appendix 2 compartment numbers are not on the map.	Compartment numbers shown beside the map as a separate key. No change.
35. Local Council Member	Project 29 - I think the waterworks building is very nice as one does not see this from anywhere else!	Noted - comments will be taken into consideration when project 29 is implemented. No change.
36. Various reviewers	All grammatical, punctuation, and spelling errors that were identified will be updated.	Update Plan.
37. Pedestrian Action for Tonbridge High Street (PATHS)	Overall PATHS is very happy with the Plan.	Noted No change.

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38. Pedestrian Action for Tonbridge High Street	Project 43 - Car parking – we understand the need for more car parking. We hope that this means enlarging the existing car park at the north end of the park, rather than putting car parking between the river and High Street.	Current plans do focus on the enlargement of existing car parks to the north-east of the site. No change.
39. Pedestrian Action for Tonbridge High Street	Suggest recycling bins in the play area to separate out recyclables as outside the station.	Project 19 will consider this. No change.
40. Pedestrian Action for Tonbridge High Street	It would be good to have a drinking water fountain in addition to the existing refreshments facilities in the play area	A free standing fountain has previously been provided at the Racecourse although had to be removed due to abuse and vandalism. No change.
41. Pedestrian Action for Tonbridge High Street	Signs to direct pedestrians to the railway station.	Add signs to the review in Project 28. Update Plan.
42. Tonbridge Model Engineering Society	The Plan was easy to use, no adverse comments made.	Noted. No change.
43. KCC Landscape Services	A number of comments were made on the layout and content	Current layout reflects management plans previously adopted by the Council. No change.

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44. KCC Landscape Services	Healthy safe and secure – Children’s play, add reference to fully qualified play inspectors (Register of Play Inspectors International Ltd (RPII)).	Update Plan.
45. KCC Landscape Services	Litter – are standards based on the Environmental Protection Act?	EPA Standards not used at the current time. Litter levels are monitored through the Ranger team and formally through the User Survey. No change.
46. KCC Landscape Services	Pesticide use – add approach to minimise use and use alternative cultural controls.	Update Plan.
47. KCC Landscape Services	Table 4 – add all activity conforms to appropriate legislation through procurement, vetting of contractors and monitoring of contractors.	Add to the opening paragraph. Update Plan.
48. KCC Landscape Services	Equipment maintenance – all machinery is subject to a full maintenance and renewal programme, all equipment conforms to health and safety standards and staff are fully trained in its use.	Add text as suggested. Update Plan.
49. KCC Landscape Services	Recycling – all green waste is removed from site or, where possible, recycled on site. The GMC collects waste and recycles it through its partnerships, 100% of green waste is recycled. Soils, hard core and related waste is reused wherever possible.	Add text as suggested. Update Plan.

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	<p>All materials are sourced from renewable supply chains wherever practical. Packaging and storage is minimised with materials recycled wherever possible.</p> <p>Water use - where practical water is collected and reused for watering plants.</p> <p>Procurement – Materials used by the GMC together with vehicles are procured to offer the lowest impact. Use of electric vehicles, low noise and low sulphur fuels target reduction in environmental impact.</p>	
50. KCC Landscape Services	Conservation – provide a summary of the key species present.	<p>Add a new Table for Key Species.</p> <p>Update Plan.</p>
51. KCC Landscape Services	Management section – clarify in the introduction that Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council is responsible for the management of the sportsground.	Update Plan.
52. KCC Landscape Services	General comments on the five year programme indicators and monitoring and suggestion on minor alterations to layout.	<p>Action minor layout alterations where appropriate.</p> <p>Update Plan.</p>
53. Tonbridge Baseball Club	The list on page 32 does not include the club.	Update Plan.