

Lee

Thank you again for taking the time out of your busy schedule to sit with me today.

Please see attached my finished proposal which has changed slightly since I dropped the paper copy off to you today.

Please accept this as my official submission (unless there is anything else I need to fill in)

I have added in what I want as far as the lease goes. I have added some words about a stage for outdoor events and shows.

I have added confirmation from the rugby club, and Brereton social fc that they agree to the sub lease as agreed.

I have asked for a letter from the 1st and 2nd Rugeley Scouts as they have both verbally agreed but as of yet I have not got it in writing. (I sit on scouts board so I know it will come)

I have also spoken to the Chancel Primary school, and they have agreed to use the fields for sports day, as well as hosting a football tournament for all local school.

I have also had brief conversation with some members of the Rugeley town council to try and bring them in and work with me on the development of the plans. I verbally have backing from the members I have spoken to, and I have agreed to work with them on certain areas of the plan (dog parks, wild garden area, and outdoor stage)

All in all, I think this proposal is well thought out to get the most out of the field, and to use many different organizations and groups. Not just sports.

I am happy to bring more groups on board, and talk to any other organization that shows interest.

If I am selected to progress, I would be happy to be put in touch with anyone who shows an interest.

The organization "Hagley Community Sports association" paper work is all filled in and all details are ready to submit, as soon as I get the ok from your selves.

I am happy to attend any meeting to run through my proposals or discuss with anyone else.

Once again, Thank you for your time and help on this project.

I look forward to working with you and discussing again soon.

Kind Regards,

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Morning Lee, I am writing further to our correspondence in March this year about Hagley Field.

I have been speaking with Paul Sparkes and Martin De Ridder about the future opportunities which could be delivered on Hagley Field. In March I mooted the idea with you of tree planting on the floodplain to offer a varied landscape and increased biodiversity on the site. The Town Council are aware of the obligations surrounding the creation of sports pitches on the site for practise and matches and a couple of days ago we had a discussion with Paul and Martin about the proposal to be submitted to yourselves for the development of pitches and ongoing management by Hagley Community Sports Association. The Town Council fully supports the aims of the Association.

Providing that care is taken with the placement of the pitches, we feel that the site not only would work as sports pitches but also creates a natural amphitheatre offering a unique opportunity to host outdoor events unlike anything previously held on the site. The banking gives the opportunity for elevated viewing of activities on the fields which could range from firework displays, performances on temporary floating stages, school events etc. The town council are also working with Friends of Hagley to look at the future opportunities afforded by the Heritage Trail. To this end funding is currently being explored to link the Heritage Trail to the redevelopment of The Old Chancel. It is anticipated that the development of the Heritage Trail will help to link the existing historic sites to the new power station housing development. The town council are keen to see this future housing development link directly to Rugeley town centre rather than be a separate entity.

We feel that the proposal by the HCSA offers a sound mix of recreation, organised sport, community support, biodiversity and the opportunity to host community events in one location, near to the town centre offering sustainable access and creation of a sense of identity and sense of place which has been absent in this area for a number of years.

Please can you let us know when a decision on the future of Hagley Field will be taken as event planning does take a considerable amount of time and we are keen to get the field back into active use as soon as possible?

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