

Update to Shaftesbury Barnet Harriers Council following a Meeting with Saracens 19<sup>th</sup> August 2021.

Present: Gordon Banks (GB), Richard Gregg, Bryan Smith (BS), Dave Bedford (DB)

Following our March 2021 letter to LBB outlining our concerns about Athletics use of the Stadium there have been a number of meetings with LBB presence to resolve the issues we have. LBB have been very supportive of Athletics and the points below which have now been agreed is the outcome. Geoff and other key Club members have been kept up to date on a regular basis of our discussions during this period. Bryan and I believe that the agreement reached is a significantly better option for Athletics than the building of a new track. The points below reflect the basis of our agreement with Saracens and are supported by the LBB.

1. West Stand Building Update. Work has continued well during this summer and the new stand is expected to be ready for “front loading” use for Rugby Fixtures by the end of January 2022. The rest of the stand including internal works and facilities for Middlesex University will finish in August 2022.
2. Temporary Stands for Rugby Season 2021/2022 Season. The building of these stands will begin 6<sup>th</sup> September 2021. The North and South Stands will be built as previously but will be closer to the infield to allow safe running around both bends. Temporary Toilets will be placed outside of Lane 8. The Temporary West Stands and Media Centre will be built allowing for 4 clear lanes for training use on the Finish Straight. The East Stand Extension will be built as previously.
3. Winter Season 2021 to 2022. This will continue as usual but now with 4 Finish Straight lanes available until the end of January when the new West Stand is available for Rugby use when the Temporary West Stands and Media Centre will then be removed. All 8 Finish Straight lanes will then be available for training.
4. East Stand Indoor Training Area. This is planned be available again for use from the middle of October 2021.
5. Summer Athletics Competition use. From May 1<sup>st</sup> 2022 until the 1<sup>st</sup> July 2022 the track will be available for some competition purposes (including schools athletics) with the 8 Lane Finish Straight and 6 track lanes being clear for competition. The North and South Stands will be remain in place during this period which will mean that we will not be able to use the High Jump Fan (see 6 below) and the Steeple Chase water jump will have a temporary run in approach. The Steps Leading to the East Stand and the advertising Boards will be removed for competitions during this period and they will be replaced for Rugby Games. This will be known as “Mode 6” competition mode. Discussions are continuing regarding the use of the new West Stand during this period.

Following the end of the Rugby Season the Track will be ready for "Full Use" from July 1<sup>st</sup> until early September each season (dates tbc) with the North and South Stands removed.

6. A Permanent new High Jump run up area (probably with multipurpose sports markings) will be built in time for May 1<sup>st</sup> (?) for use during the "Mode 6". The position of this within the stadium and dates are being finalised.
7. Track Surface Renewal. An inspection is awaited to identify when this will be required to maintain our Track Grading.
8. Shared Facilities Arrangement. This forms part of the Saracens contract with the LBB and is being updated to reflect the above agreement.
9. FYI. There is a further meeting with Saracens on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> September which Dave Bedford will attend.

Dave Bedford/Bryan Smith 9<sup>th</sup> October 2021