

BRENTWOOD RUGBY FOOTBALL CLUB Ltd

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Community Amateur Sports Association

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To all Members and Friends of BRFC,

Subject: Update on the New Clubhouse Project

I am pleased to inform all members and friends of BRFC that a full planning application for our proposed new clubhouse scheme at King George V Playing Fields is currently being finalised for submission to Brentwood Council.

This is the next step in what has been three years of hard work by a working group set up in 2010 with the goal of securing planning permission for a modern clubhouse at KG5. Bill Bassenger, our current Colts XV coach, has chaired the group's work throughout and we have engaged the help of an experienced architect, David Butt.

Our proposal has been through several alterations since our outline thinking was first exposed to BRFC members and Brentwood Council officers back in June 2010. Although the basic clubhouse design and our preferred location at King George's have remained largely the same, changes to the Council's sports facilities strategy and different planning officers' recommendations over the intervening period have delayed us in preparing a full planning application until this time.

As I told those members who attended the club EGM on 2nd May, we intended to be ready to submit a full planning application to the Council by the end of June. It is too late to make that date now, but we should be ready to submit our application during July. We will then have to present and argue our clubhouse scheme's merits through the Council's planning review process. There is no predicting how long that will take!

The working group members are united in the belief that we can eventually achieve planning permission. Once this has been achieved, we must commence the site work within three years. The major club-wide challenge of raising the necessary capital and building our new clubhouse will then begin in earnest.

I believe that fulfilling our long-standing ambition to have a clubhouse at KG5 that is commensurate with a rugby club of our current size and status and which enables us to expand our club and improve our standards will be well worth the effort!

Yours sincerely,



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