



Completion of Stage 2 is getting closer...

It was fantastic to receive confirmation from the Environment Court in November 2016 that all conditions relating to the hours of use, floodlighting and acoustic treatments at Michaels Ave had been confirmed between all parties, and the way was clear to undertake the works contemplated by said decision.

As a consequence, over the summer, detailed design work has been completed and a tender for the lighting installation closes at end March 2017, with works to start in early April. The first phase of works (completing all the permanent lighting around the Lower Fields) will take 7-10 weeks, dependent on weather etc. Thus, the Lower Fields are envisaged to be available for Club night training by June, although game day activities will be possible from season start. In the interim, we have sought Council permission to gain access to a second field at Liston Park for training purposes.

The second phase of works, which involves the installation of the temporary lighting infrastructure will be completed between October 2017 and March 2018, again subject to weather and user group activities on the fields.

The installation of the acoustic walls around the Upper, artificial field will be the subject of a separate tender process, but is also contemplated to begin in April/May of this year.

Although these initiatives have taken longer than expected to come to fruition, we believe that the ultimate result will provide benefits to our membership, as well as more flexibility in scheduling training and/or games to suit ground conditions.

Ultimately, a better quality of, and consistency in, our playing surfaces has always been the Club's objective.

We thank you all for your patience

Kind regards
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