

COMMUNITY STADIUM - COMMUNITY AND ECONOMIC BENEFITS ARISING FROM THE STADIUM SCHEME

Paras 3.8 - 3.9 of the main report address the power under S123 of the Local Government Act 1972 for the council to dispose of the stadium site at an undervalue. This annex summarises the benefits of the scheme which assist in the promotion or improvement of the economic, social or environmental well-being of the council's area.

- The stadium will include a “Learning for Life” centre comprising four modules:
 - Key Stage 2 and Key Stage 3 (10 and 11 year olds) funded by the DfES and BHCC through the ‘Playing for Success’ initiative.
 - 16–19’s in partnership with City College and Sussex Downs College.
 - adult learning in partnership with City College and Sussex Downs College.
 - family learning funded by private sector sponsorships
- The stadium will house the club’s Disability Football Development Project working with children and adults with a range of physical and behavioural impairments.
- The club’s Football Inclusion project, working with at risk and socially excluded young people will be well placed to provide this regeneration benefit in the local area with funding from Positive Futures, Positive Activities, Sussex Police, private sponsorship and more recently the Football Foundation
- 2000m2 of the stadium will be allocated to City College for the delivery of a range of courses including those using the stadium environment as a learning tool, eg courses in sports development, health, building and grounds maintenance, customer and retail services.
- The education initiatives at the stadium will contribute to the wider Academic Corridor. The football club are supporting the delivery of the Falmer Academy proposal.
- The stadium will create up to 300 construction jobs and estimate that 217 FTE jobs will be created by the stadium in operation together with a further 217 indirect jobs created by the development. The letter of 23 July 2007 granting planning permission said:

The Secretary of State agrees with the Inspector that the provision of so many jobs suitable for the unskilled and/or part time in nature would be beneficial in an area which is so seriously deprived of employment opportunities.

- The stadium development will contribute to regeneration of a deprived area of Brighton and Hove. The same letter said:

The Secretary of State agrees with the Inspector (IRa18.31) that the scheme would undoubtedly bring important and very welcome social benefits to this deprived area. She further agrees that (IRa18.41) the evidence demonstrates that the application proposals would have an appreciable beneficial effect on the economic and social well-being of the ward of Moulscroomb and Bevendean and the eastern part of Brighton.

- The stadium will provide an additional venue for conferences, events and celebrations at an important gateway into the city.