

# Statement of Community Involvement

Woodcock Estate, Farington

Proposed Cricket Facility

July 2022



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## Introduction

This Statement of Community Involvement has been prepared by Royal Pilgrim Communications on behalf of Lancashire County Council and Lancashire Cricket. It sets out the pre-application consultation undertaken in relation to the proposed cricket facility at the Woodcock Estate, Farington.

## Planning application

The planning application comprises:

*Proposed Cricket Facility comprising 2No. cricket ovals and associated pavilion building and spectator seating, covered cricket nets, access, parking, landscaping and associated works (including temporary event overlay facilities on ticketed match days) realignment of Public Right of Way Ref 9-12-FP 1, 7-4-FP 6 and Public Right of Way Ref 9-12-FP 2, 7-4-FP 5.*

## The importance of consultation

National and local government encourage developers to consult with local communities and stakeholders before submitting a planning application.

Consultation and communication with local communities is an important element of the planning process. It is important that local communities are made fully aware of proposals affecting their area and are provided with opportunities to view any plans and discuss issues with the developers or their professional team. This process should also enable the community to provide feedback.

## National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF)

Paragraph 39 of the National Planning Policy Framework (2021) places emphasis on improving communication and engagement at pre-application stage. It advises that:

*‘Early engagement has significant potential to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the planning application system for all parties. Good quality pre-application discussion enables better coordination between public and private resources and improved outcomes for the community’.*

Paragraph 40 states the local authority should:

*‘...encourage any applicants who are not already required to do so by law to engage with the local community and, where relevant, with statutory and non-statutory consultees, before submitting their applications.’*

## Lancashire County Council’s Statement of Community Involvement (SCI)

Lancashire County Council’s SCI encourages applicants to undertake pre-application consultation and provides guidance on consultation activity that may be beneficial. An excerpt from the relevant section of the SCI is overleaf:

*‘There are several ways that an applicant could further involve the community including:*

- *Circulating leaflets to residents that outline draft proposals.*
- *Arranging meetings or exhibitions with community and other local interest groups.*
- *Requesting feedback within a specified time-scale (allowing changes to be made to documents before plans are finalised).’*

Due to the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, a decision was taken not to hold an in-person public exhibition.

## Pre-application consultation

### Informing residents, stakeholders and the public

#### Stakeholders

Stakeholders with a likely interest in the proposals were identified, including:

- Leadership of South Ribble Borough Council and neighbouring local authorities, including Chorley Council and Preston City Council
- Lancashire County Council – leadership, officers and members
- Ward and neighbouring ward members, South Ribble Borough Council
- Neighbouring ward members, Chorley Council
- Nigel Evans MP (Ribble Valley) and Members of Parliament for the neighbouring constituencies Chorley, South Ribble and Preston
- Farington Parish Council
- Lancashire LEP
- City Deal Board
- Marketing Lancashire
- Active Lancashire
- North and Western Lancashire Chamber of Commerce
- Preston Partnership; Preston Towns Fund
- University of Central Lancashire
- Preston College
- Disability Equality North West
- Lever House Primary School
- Academy at Worden
- Lancashire cricket clubs
- Lancashire Cricket Foundation
- Sport England
- Northern Premier Cricket League
- Lancashire Cricket Members’ group

On, or before 1 December 2021, the above stakeholders were contacted via letter, email or telephone to inform them of the proposals and invite them to take part in the forthcoming public consultation. Correspondence with stakeholders included a site plan and offered the opportunity to arrange a meeting with the development team (see Appendix 1).

### Neighbouring residents

On 30 November 2021, letters were issued to the closest neighbouring residents informing them of the proposals and inviting them to take part in the consultation. Neighbours on Stanifield Lane, Fowler Lane, Fowler Avenue, Old School Lane, Stoney Lane and the Woodcock Estate were contacted (See Appendix 2). A site plan of the proposals was enclosed with the letter and neighbours were offered the opportunity to arrange a meeting with the development team.

On 16 December 2021, a further letter was issued to neighbouring residents to invite them to attend a virtual meeting with the development team (see Appendix 3). The meeting was held on Thursday 6 January 2022 via Microsoft Teams at 6.30pm. The key issues raised by neighbours included neighbour amenity, including how events will be managed, accesses, traffic and parking, as well as boundary treatments and security for neighbouring properties. More detailed feedback and how the applicant has responded is discussed later in this document.

On 24 March 2022, a letter was issued to neighbouring residents to invite them to a further virtual meeting with the development team (see Appendix 4). The meeting was held on Tuesday 29 March at 6.15pm via Microsoft Teams. The development team updated residents on the amendments to the proposals as a result of neighbour feedback and in response to impact assessments, such as noise. The team also addressed issues raised by residents at the previous meeting and residents asked questions of the development team.

A letter was issued to neighbouring residents on 7 July 2022 (see Appendix 5) to update residents that the proposals were still being worked on that the team would provide a further update in due course.

On 22 July, a letter was issued to neighbouring residents to invite them to another virtual meeting to discuss the latest proposals and layout changes, ahead of the application being submitted. The meeting was held on Wednesday 27 July at 6.30pm via Microsoft Teams.

Engagement with neighbours will continue throughout the planning and development process and a further letter with responses to queries raised throughout the consultation will be issued to neighbours on submission of the application.

### The wider public

Several methods were used to engage with and encourage participation from the wider community and general public, including a consultation website and information leaflet.

The consultation was widely publicised via the local media and on social media (See Appendix 6).

## Consultation website

A consultation website was launched – [www.lancashire.gov.uk/cricket](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/cricket) - to enable people to view the proposals (see Appendix 7). There was also a feedback mechanism to allow people to comment on the proposals (see Appendix 8). The website was included in all media releases and correspondence with neighbours and stakeholders.

Although the consultation close date has passed, comments will be considered throughout the planning process.



The screenshot shows the Lancashire Cricket Club consultation website. At the top is the Lancashire County Council logo and a search bar. Below the navigation bar, the main heading is "Lancashire Cricket Club". The text below reads: "Lancashire Cricket and Lancashire County Council are working together to build a new high-quality professional and community cricket facility on the Woodcock Estate in Farington in central Lancashire. Before we submit a planning application, we would like to know what you think." To the right, there is a "Share your views" box with a deadline of 10th January 2022 and a "Have your say" button. Below the text is a large aerial photograph of the proposed cricket ground, showing the pitch, stands, and surrounding greenery.

*(Above: Excerpt from website homepage)*

## Information leaflet

An information leaflet with a tear-off, freepost feedback form was distributed to 10,726 households (see Appendix 9). The leaflet detailed the proposals and provided contact details for the development team should the recipient have any queries. The website was also displayed on the leaflet for those who would like to view the proposals and comment online.

## Feedback

### Feedback summary

To date, 222 feedback forms have been received either online or via the freepost feedback form. Of these, 173 (78%) 'strongly agree' with the proposals, 14 (6%) 'tend to agree' with the proposals, two (1%) 'neither agree or disagree', seven (3%) 'tend to disagree' with the plans, and 16 (7%) 'strongly disagree' with the proposals. Nine (4%) didn't state a preference.

This means that generally, 84% of respondents support the proposals and 10% disagree with the proposals.

Several emails have also been received which are a mix of supportive, against the proposals and comments and queries.

In general feedback was positive with many respondents welcoming a facility that will be local to them and in a sustainable, easily accessible location, with good transport links. Many said that the facility would make a positive contribution to the local economy and community, whilst encouraging participation in sport, especially women, girls, and young people. Some commented that the proposals are designed sensitively to respect the surroundings and Green Belt status of the site.

Key comments and issues raised by those who do not support the proposals included the site location and Green Belt status, as well as the impact on ecology and biodiversity. Highways and parking were also raised as key issues. A small number of respondents queried whether cricket as a sport was popular enough to warrant the development and investment.

Key issues raised by neighbouring residents also included residential amenity (noise, lighting etc), security and boundary treatments and access and parking issues. These issues are discussed in more detail in the next section.

Example comments include:

*"This is the best thing to happen in my local area! It's great opportunity for the area and for the future of cricket, especially for the younger generation!!"*

*"Any proposal which provides opportunities for the public to engage in sport must be considered positively. In this case, the proposed site seems ideally placed in terms of existing access/transport. Not only would it provide facilities which local residents could use, it would also give us the opportunity to watch professional cricket being played - something which could inspire the next generation.."*

*"This would be an outstanding development for the area and the community. The social benefits of this proposal would be far reaching. The site is located in a sustainable location, close to motorway junctions and within walking distance of Lostock Hall train station."*

*“This proposal is a fantastic opportunity for this area. A great chance of accessing both elite sport and recreational. It’s a perfect location with superb transport links. The development is sympathetic to its environment.”*

*“As my daughter plays Lancashire Girls Age Group Cricket and Club Cricket we can only see this as a massive positive. She would benefit from the facilities and the benefits of not having to travel to Emirates. As a family we look forward to going to games and supporting the local economy.”*

*“I think this would a fantastic development for the local area, and I am pleased to see the aims regarding wildflowers, Green space a low carbon footprint. I have two young daughters, and a family behind me of female amateur cricket players and having this on the door step would be brilliant for women's sport and Lancashire! I hope there will be a local resident price for tickets and I am sure we will be there a lot! Good luck!”*

*“The project, although sited in greenbelt will still keep a green wedge between the towns of Leyland and Lostock Hall. The facility will provide income into the local economy, whilst offering a top class grass root facility for the local community. The sight of top professional cricketers, and the development of the women’s game should inspire the youngsters of South Ribble to take up the sport providing a focus for wellbeing. The site is currently dominated by pasture grassland, so with the right landscape proposals, Biodiversity Net Gain should be achieved.”*

*“Will add to the already existing traffic issues on Stanfield Lane and surrounding roads, smaller residential roads already have issues from speeding, inconsiderate drivers in addition to those who believe the residential roads are their car parks often blocking access and cars.”*

*“There is absolutely no need for this. We already have a functional cricket club in Leyland. It's not a sport that hundreds of people flock to watch or to even play. It's not an inclusive sport and I literally don't see the need for a structure like this, eating away at some of the last few fields in Leyland that don't have houses on.”*

*“I only disagree with the location. Why use greenbelt land when there is the unused Ikea site available? The Ikea site would have the added benefit of allowing access straight onto the motorway network. It is unlikely that people will be using the train station at Lostock Hall or Leyland to access either location, meaning that there will be increased levels of traffic using the roads that are already very busy at peak times and especially so when the M6 has any form of tailback on it, which it frequently does. It is good that a high quality sporting venue is being considered for an area that could do with such a venue, but it’s just on the wrong site.”*

See Appendix 10 for all comments received.

## Response to key issues

The applicant’s response to the various issues raised is overleaf:



## Residential amenity

### **Potential noise from match-day activities including crowd noise, PA systems and noise from the pavilion**

*Details can be found in the Noise Assessment which has been submitted with the planning application, and which looks at the potential noise impacts of the proposed development and makes recommendations for appropriate mitigation measures. It is anticipated that a PA system would only be in use during major ticketed events. There would be no more than 14 large ticketed event days per season. Events would be during daylight hours for example, a T20 match would be scheduled to begin at 4pm and finish by 7.15pm.*

### **Light impacts – floodlights, big screens, electronic scoreboards and car headlights from the car park**

*There are no plans to install floodlights on a permanent or temporary basis. Matches will be played during daylight hours and therefore floodlights are not required. It is anticipated that big screens and electronic scoreboards will be used for major events, however, due to the match being played during daylight hours, the light from screens or scoreboards should not impact neighbouring properties.*

*The main car park on Stanifield Lane will be surrounded by a landscaping bund, which will be approximately 1.5-2 metres high and so will protect residential amenity and block headlights from the car park.*

*Low level lighting on footpaths and lighting will only be used where required. Details of the proposed Lighting Strategy are set out within the Design and Access Statement.*

### **Car parking on surrounding residential streets – how will residential amenity be protected**

*There will be 265 permanent car parking spaces on the site with capacity being increased to 500 on major event days. When required an Event Day Transport Plan would be used and this would seek to manage parking as well as other transport related matters, and formal off-site parking will be provided as part of that.*

### **Public Right of Way (PROW) and boundary treatments**

*We have undertaken a detailed assessment of existing boundary treatments and where considered appropriate and necessary, we propose additional landscaping and fencing in seeking to protect the amenity of neighbouring residential dwellings whilst also respecting the character of the landscape and it's Green Belt location.*

*As a result of engagement with neighbours, the route of the diverted PROW will be at least 2m from property boundaries. Access to the PROW will not be prohibited but parts of the PROW boundary will be stewarded on ticketed match day events.*

## Highways

### **How will spectators get to the ground and how much traffic will be generated by the development?**

*A Transport Assessment has been submitted as part of the planning application which considers the likely traffic generation for this site. This will consider two primary scenarios, a typical daily usage on a non-event day and then an event day where a large number of spectators (up to 5,000) might be anticipated. The car park on site has a capacity for 500 cars in an event day scenario, so the number of car trips to the site itself will be restricted by that capacity. On an event-day, the Event Day Travel Management Plan will detail arrangements and locations for off-site parking, and potentially park and ride operations. Rail travel is considered to be a feasible option for a proportion of visitors, depending on where they originate from. For event days we are considering options for a rail & ride system from key rail stations, such as Leyland and Preston.*

*Improving site accessibility is an important element of the proposals. There are also measures to provide footpaths linking to the wider pedestrian and cycle network, in addition to turning provision on-site from car and bus drop off for visitors adjacent to the main entrance, and team vehicle drop-off to the rear of the Pavilion building. Further details are provided in the Design and Access Statement.*

## Green Belt

### **What are the ‘Very Special Circumstances’ to allow development on the Green Belt and how will the openness of the Green Belt be maintained?**

*Very special circumstances is required to be demonstrated in cases where development proposals are deemed ‘inappropriate’ within the Green Belt. There are exceptions including for “outdoor sport” which may be deemed “appropriate” and do not therefore require very special circumstances. In this case, the proposals are considered to be “appropriate” but notwithstanding this, there are also considered to be very special circumstances which are set out in detail as part of the planning application.*

*Through the design approach we have sought to minimise built-form and where buildings are proposed these have been designed to sit into the landscape.*

*The design has been approached with maintaining in mind the characteristic openness of the site from the outset. From the careful positioning of the green playing pitches, consideration of site levels to set the pitches within the enclosure of sculpted ‘bowls’ and utilising natural terraces for spectators, setting the Pavilion building into the topography to reduce its relative height, enclosing car parking with landscape bunding, and maintaining a naturalistic approach to the protecting the site boundaries, creating a green enclosure with the planting of over 200 new trees. In addition, the use of natural materials and finishes further assist in creating appropriate and sensitive response to the setting. Further details of this approach can be found in the Design and Access Statement submitted as part of the planning application.*

### Wildlife and biodiversity

An Ecological Assessment has been undertaken and submitted as part of the application which considers and makes recommendations concerning existing wildlife and habitats on the site. Through the creation of new habitats, the proposals will deliver an overall net gain in biodiversity across the site area including replacing trees and hedgerow and planting over 200 new trees.

### Scheme amendments

The practice nets have been relocated as a result of neighbour feedback and stipulations set out by the England & Wales Cricket Board. Various locations have been considered and assessed against several criteria. An acoustic fence will mitigate against noise created by the use of the facility.

### Conclusion

Engagement is continuing and feedback will be accepted from the community throughout the planning process. Comprehensive pre-application consultation has been undertaken in relation to this planning application and engagement has been open and transparent.

Overall, feedback is positive with many welcoming the proposals.

Engagement with neighbours continues and will do so throughout the planning and development process.

## APPENDICES

## APPENDIX 1: Stakeholder email example

Dear Councillor,

I am writing on behalf of Lancashire County Council and Lancashire Cricket to inform you of proposals to build a new high-quality elite performance and community cricket facility on the Woodcock Estate, Farington, South Ribble.

Before we submit a planning application for the proposals, we will be consulting with the local community and stakeholders. The proposals can be found online at [www.lancashire.gov.uk/cricket](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/cricket) and I attach a site plan for your information.

The partnership between Lancashire Cricket and Lancashire County Council will provide new professional standard facilities, which would be used by the club for competitive matches and training, and also offer a valuable asset for the local community to use. The proposals include:

- New high-quality cricket facilities in the form of two full-sized pitches with natural sloping terraces. Cricket training nets will also be installed.
- A single pavilion building will support both pitches, providing changing rooms, a gym and hospitality outlets.
- Cycle and car parking will also be provided. The site is easily accessible by public transport.
- The new ground will be Lancashire Cricket's second ground and will encourage sport, fun, participation, health, wellbeing and activity in a safe and managed environment. The Club will continue to use the out grounds elsewhere in the North West for competitive matches as they do at present.
- The second pitch will be used for matches and training for Lancashire Cricket, but also extensively utilised as a facility that can be used by the community (schools and cricket clubs, etc) throughout the year.
- The proposed uses on the site are designed to minimise impacts on neighbouring residents and the local community, whilst providing new opportunities and preserving the nature of the Green Belt setting.

You can find out more information about the proposed facilities at [www.lancashire.gov.uk/cricket](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/cricket)

If you have any queries or would like to arrange a meeting with the development team, please contact me on [emily@royalpilgrim.com](mailto:emily@royalpilgrim.com) or 0800 089 0362. Additionally, if you are interested in participating in an online consultation presentation of the plans, please let me know.

## APPENDIX 2: Neighbour letter



On behalf of



NEIGHBOUR LETTER

30 November 2021

Dear Neighbour,

**Public consultation – Proposed new cricket facility for Lancashire Cricket at Farington**

I am writing on behalf of Lancashire County Council and Lancashire Cricket to inform you of proposals to build a new high-quality, elite performance and community cricket facility on the Woodcock Estate, Farington, South Ribble.

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You can find out more information about the proposed facilities at [www.lancashire.gov.uk/cricket](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/cricket)

As a neighbouring resident, we would very much like to discuss the proposals with you. If you would like to arrange a meeting with the development team or if you have any questions in the meantime, please contact me on [scott@royalpilgrim.com](mailto:scott@royalpilgrim.com) or 0800 089 0362. Additionally, if you are interested in participating in an online consultation presentation of the plans, please let me know.

Yours sincerely



Scott Royal

## APPENDIX 3: Neighbour letter - Meeting



On behalf of



16 December 2021

Dear Neighbour,

**Invitation to online resident meeting regarding proposed new cricket facility for Lancashire Cricket at Farington – Thursday 6 January 6.30pm**

Further to my letter of 30<sup>th</sup> November, I am writing on behalf of Lancashire County Council and Lancashire Cricket to invite you to a virtual online neighbour meeting regarding proposals to build a new high-quality, elite performance and community cricket facility on the Woodcock Estate, Farington, South Ribble.

The session is for people living very close to the proposed site to discuss localised issues.

**The meeting will be via Microsoft Teams on Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> January at 6.30pm.**

**If you would like to attend, please contact us on 0800 089 0362 or email [emily@royalpilgrim.com](mailto:emily@royalpilgrim.com) to confirm your place and we will send you the online meeting log in details** – You don't need to have a Microsoft account to join the meeting. If you can't attend the meeting at 6.30pm but would like to join the meeting at a convenient time, please do let us know. We anticipate the meeting will last until around 7.30pm.

We appreciate that not everybody will want to or be able to participate in an online meeting at this time. So, if you can't attend, but have questions about the proposals, please do contact us and we can make alternative arrangements. This is a long-term project, and a planning application will not be submitted for some weeks, so please be assured that there will be other opportunities to discuss the detailed proposals in the future.

We hope that you can attend this session, but please do contact us if you have any queries.

Yours sincerely



Scott Royal

## APPENDIX 4: Neighbour letter #2

Dear Neighbour,

**Invitation to online resident meeting regarding proposed new cricket facility for Lancashire Cricket at Farington – Tuesday 29 March 6.15pm**

I am writing on behalf of Lancashire County Council and Lancashire Cricket to invite you to a virtual online neighbour meeting regarding proposals to build a new high-quality, elite performance and community cricket facility on the Woodcock Estate, Farington, South Ribble.

This is a follow-up session for people living very close to the proposed site, to discuss localised issues and to provide responses to the key points raised at the previous meeting on 6th January.

**The meeting will be via Microsoft Teams on Tuesday 29th March at 6.15pm.**

**If you would like to attend, please contact us on 0800 089 0362 or email [scott@royalpilgrim.com](mailto:scott@royalpilgrim.com) to confirm your place and we will send you the online meeting log-in details** – You don't need to have a Microsoft Teams account to enable you to log in. If you can't attend the meeting at 6.15pm but would like to join the meeting at a convenient time, please do let us know. We anticipate the meeting will last until around 7.30pm.

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We hope that you can attend this session, but please do contact us if you have any queries.

Yours sincerely



## APPENDIX 5: Neighbour letter July 2022

Dear Neighbour,

**Invitation to online resident meeting regarding proposed new cricket facility for Lancashire Cricket at Farington – Wednesday 27 July 6.30pm**

Further to my letter of 7 July, I am writing on behalf of Lancashire County Council and Lancashire Cricket to invite you to a virtual online neighbour meeting regarding proposals to build a new high-quality, elite performance and community cricket facility on the Woodcock Estate, Farington, South Ribble.

The planning application will shortly be submitted to the county council, who will determine this application, and we wanted to provide those living nearest to the site with a further opportunity to meet with members of the team before the planning application is submitted.

In particular we wanted to share with you a late but significant change to the site layout which has occurred as a result of very recent feedback from the England & Wales Cricket Board (who oversee cricket administration in this country).

**The meeting will be via Microsoft Teams on Wednesday 27 July at 6.30pm.**

**If you would like to attend, please contact us on 0800 089 0362 or email [emily@royalpilgrim.com](mailto:emily@royalpilgrim.com) to confirm your place and we will send you the online meeting log in details.** You don't need to have a Microsoft account to join the meeting. If you can't attend the meeting at 6.30pm but would like to join the meeting at a convenient time, please do let us know. We anticipate the meeting will last until around 7.15pm.

I apologise for the short notice and appreciate that not everybody will be able to participate in an online meeting at this time. I will write again to inform you when the planning application has been submitted. Once submitted, the application will contain a very wide range of detailed information and will be available to view in full on the county council's website.

We hope that you can attend this session, but please do contact us if you have any queries.

Yours sincerely



Scott Royal

## APPENDIX 6: Media release & social media

# Exciting new proposals for cricket in Lancashire

*Wednesday, December 1, 2021*

Lancashire Cricket and Lancashire County Council have announced exciting new plans to create a high-quality sports facility in the heart of the county.

Led by the county council, the proposed development will bring together elite and community cricket on a site at Farington in central Lancashire.

Subject to public consultation and planning determination, the new facility will become a Centre of Excellence for Women's Cricket in the North-West, further encouraging the growth of cricket in the region.

The aim is to establish a new year-round facility, which would host a number of men's and women's competitive matches each year when Emirates Old Trafford is unavailable, whilst also providing a training base for Lancashire's men's and women's teams (from Age-Group to First Team).

The plans were announced today (Wednesday 1 December) as part of the Stadium Business Summit taking place at Emirates Old Trafford.

Owned by the county council, the proposed site in Farington is alongside the A582 Farington Road on the west side of Stanifield Lane, and a short distance from the M65 and M6.

Public engagement is now underway to help to shape these initial proposals. The plans will be subject to public consultation through the usual planning application process, with additional opportunities for individuals to comment.

Andy Anson, Chair at Lancashire Cricket, added: "We're thrilled to be working with Lancashire County Council on this project as we aim to grow the game of cricket in all its forms, from elite right through to recreational club cricket, together across the county.

"With the number of international and domestic matches, as well as other events

being held at Emirates Old Trafford, the need for a second ground has become pressing. It's something that we've been working on for a while and the new development will provide fantastic elite facilities for both our men's and women's side and can also be used for recreational cricket and the wider community."

The proposals include two full-sized cricket pitches with natural sloping terraces and training facilities, including nets, a new pavilion including a gym, changing rooms, hospitality space, as well as cycle and car parking.

The designs for the site have been sensitively and carefully designed to respect the open and green setting and protect the amenity of neighbouring residents. New tree planting, landscaping and green spaces would provide an attractive setting and provide screening for local properties.

County Councillor Phillippa Williamson, Leader of Lancashire County Council, said: "These are exciting proposals and I'm especially pleased that these facilities would help to encourage more people to take part in sport, including younger people.

"Please give your views and help us to shape the proposals, which aim to transform cricket in Lancashire.

"We're working in partnership with the club to make the most of this opportunity to support high-quality sports provision in Lancashire, while using the county council's land to potentially provide a significant boost to our economy and create new jobs."

Sir Howard Bernstein, President of Lancashire Cricket, added: "We are pleased to be collaborating with Lancashire County Council on this wonderful project that, subject to due process, could bring about vital opportunities through the game of cricket.

"This will be an important step in aiding us to grow the game in Lancashire, helping us to extend our reach in the county and engage with a wider demographic."

Emma Lamb, Lancashire and England all-rounder from Preston, said: "Having grown up in the Preston area, it's great to see that the Club and the county council are working together on this new project. It's only going to help grow the

game of cricket throughout Lancashire and the surrounding area.

“It’s so important that we do all we can to make cricket as accessible as possible and ensure opportunities are given to girls and boys of all ages and abilities. A facility like this will only help that and hopefully we’ll see some future Lancashire and England players from the local area.”

Lancashire will continue to use the club’s current outgrounds across the North-West at Liverpool CC, Southport and Birkdale CC, Blackpool CC and at Sedbergh School once the new facility has opened.

The new facilities will support the development of community and recreational, youth and elite sport in Lancashire. The plans include opportunities for wider community use of the facilities, encouraging more people to get involved, in addition to a centre of excellence for women and girl’s cricket across the North-West.

The project also aims to increase the education and training opportunities for students across varied age groups. The Club has an ambition to deliver a Lancashire Cricket experience into 1,000 state schools across the county by 2030.

The site has been identified as the preferred location after considering the necessary requirements for the new facility, including location, access and the space required.

People can find out more about the proposals and give comments at [www.lancashire.gov.uk/cricket](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/cricket)

**Lancashire County Council**  
1 December 2021 · 🌐

Howzat! Exciting plans announced for cricket in Lancashire. 🏏🌱

Initial proposals have been announced to create a high-quality new sports facility in the heart of the county.

We're working with Lancashire Cricket to potentially create new sports facilities near central Lancashire, bringing together elite and community cricketers. ... [See more](#)



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**Lancashire County Council**  
2 December 2021 · 🌐

Give your views and help to shape our plans

Yesterday we announced our Initial proposals to create a high-quality new sports facility in central Lancashire 🏏🌱

Working with Lancashire Cricket, we want to bring together elite and community cricketers. This new facility would also become a Centre of Excellence for Women's Cricket in the North West, further encouraging the growth of cricket in the region. ... [See more](#)



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## APPENDIX 7: Website

Lancashire County Council

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### Lancashire Cricket Club

Lancashire Cricket and Lancashire County Council are working together to build a new high-quality professional and community cricket facility on the Woodcock Estate in Farington in central Lancashire.

Before we submit a planning application, we would like to know what you think.



Share your views

Complete the online feedback form and have your say by 10th January 2022.

## The proposals



The County Council and Lancashire Cricket have agreed to create a new, year-round high-quality sports facility in Farington, bringing together elite and community cricket in one development.

It would give Lancashire Cricket a second ground in the heart of the county. It would provide new professional standard facilities for the club and be a valuable asset for the local community with multiple benefits to health and wellbeing.

It would also become a Women's Centre of Excellence for the North-West of England and will help Lancashire Cricket continue to bring through both men's and women's cricketers of the future.

The facility would feature two cricket pitches and would host a number of men's and women's competitive matches each year. The second cricket pitch will support community, recreational and youth cricket, as well as offering a new training facility for the club.

## Summary of the proposals

- If planning is approved, the site will provide new high-quality cricket facilities in the form of two full-sized pitches with natural sloping terraces. Cricket training nets will also be installed
- A single pavilion building will support both pitches, providing changing and fitness facilities for players. Hospitality and events facilities could also be provided within the pavilion. An outdoor covered net facility is also included in the development.
- Cycle and car parking will also be provided. The site is easily accessible by public transport.
- Farington will become the second ground for Lancashire Cricket and will encourage sport, fun, participation, health, wellbeing and activity in a safe and managed environment
- It would bring professional cricket into the heart of the county and will support community and recreational, youth and women's sports alongside the health and wellbeing agenda
- The facility would become a Women's Centre of Excellence for Women's Cricket in the North West of England, further encouraging the growth of cricket in the region.
- The second pitch will be dedicated to community use and training purposes, and will provide a facility which can be used all year round, linking in with numerous programmes run by the Lancashire Cricket Foundation.
- New tree and wildflower planting, green spaces and sympathetic ecological landscaping will provide an attractive setting, encourage wildlife and provide screening for local residents. We are also looking to maximise sustainability benefits and opportunities for the low carbon agenda.
- The proposed uses on the site are designed to minimise impacts on neighbouring residents, the local community and to preserve the nature of the Green Belt setting.

## Site location and access

The site is located in South Ribble, on the Woodcock Estate, Farington. It is located off Stanifield Lane, close to the roundabout junction with the A582 Farington Road.

It is in the Green Belt, but the nature of the proposed development is predominantly sports fields and limited construction of buildings. The proposals have been sensitively designed to preserve the openness of the Green Belt.

The land is currently in agricultural use, with a small number of agricultural buildings on the site. It is predominantly low-grade agricultural land.

The main site would be accessed from a new junction off Stanifield Lane. It is fully accessible by public transport, close to existing bus routes and local railway stations. Cycle and car parking will also be provided on the site. Pedestrian and cycle crossings will be provided where necessary.

We are working with the council's highways team and transport consultants to develop a transport strategy for the site, which will deal with both day-to-day use and also cater for occasional event days.

## About the site and facilities

The intention is to provide two full-size pitches with natural sloping areas for spectators, along with a pavilion, which will provide hospitality facilities. There will be seating and temporary seating areas, with natural grass terracing provided to enable spectators to be accommodated in designated locations on the site.

A single pavilion building will support both pitches, providing changing and fitness facilities for players. Hospitality and events facilities could also be provided within the pavilion. An outdoor covered net facility is also included in the development.

Emirates Old Trafford will continue to be the venue where all major matches are played. The new ground would be Lancashire Cricket's second ground and would encourage sport, fun, participation and activity in a safe and managed environment. Some competitive matches will continue to be played at the Out Grounds.

## What the site could be used for

The intention is for the pitch and new facilities to be of the necessary standard to enable all of the County's teams to play or train here, including the Men's First XI and Lancashire Women. We anticipate all county cricket formats could be played here, apart from The Hundred and International fixtures.

The design of the facilities would enable some one day and T20 matches to be played here, although major matches will continue to be played at Emirates Old Trafford. We anticipate that a T20 could attract up to 5,000 spectators.

## Community facilities

The intention is for the facility to bring community and elite sport together. This facility will support the development of community, youth and women's cricket. While the second pitch will be used for training, it will also be made available to the community throughout the year, which could include recreational cricket clubs or schools. Lancashire's Disability Team will also make use of the facilities available at Farington.

The new facilities will help to support additional health and wellbeing opportunities through active participation in sport and can assist the Lancashire Cricket Foundation to deliver a number of nationwide cricket programmes which they run, such as All Stars Cricket and the Dynamos Cricket programme, which links in with the Hundred, the new ECB-run competition. All have the aim of increasing participation in the game of cricket.



## About Lancashire Cricket

Lancashire Cricket, one of the leading 18 First-Class counties within the domestic structure of England and Wales, was formed in 1864 and is based at Emirates Old Trafford in Manchester.



One of the Club's main responsibilities is to grow the game of cricket in the North West. As a county, that is one of their key remits, as well as looking to be successful on the field and developing their own home-grown players through our Academy. Cricket is a sport that can bring communities together. We want to harness this spirit, and lead on the development of the game, which can deliver fantastic health and community benefits, for all ages.

The Club has a vision to create the best place to enjoy cricket in the world. This vision can be achieved through three core elements of Lancashire Cricket, which have the following aims:

- To be the best cricket club in the world
- To grow the game by offering the best experiences in the world
- To create the best all-encompassing cricket venue in the world

The Lancashire Cricket Foundation, established as the official charity of the Club, works across the North West to develop and deliver a range of projects, programmes and events designed to engage, excite, inspire and improve individuals and communities through cricket.

The Lancashire Cricket Foundation provides governance for the recreational game and high-quality experiences that make a positive difference to the lives of the individuals and communities we engage in order to grow the appeal of the game at all levels.

More information about [Lancashire Cricket](#).

## The planning process

A planning application is being prepared for submission to the county council in early 2022. This will consider all aspects of the development, including design, transport connectivity, environmental impact, noise, lighting etc. It will be subject to thorough assessment by officers who will make a recommendation to planning committee members, who in turn will make the final decision.

The application site is on land which we own, and the development is being undertaken by the county council. This means that the county council is the planning authority under Regulation 3 of the Town and Country Planning General Regulations 1992. The planning application will still go through the same thorough process of assessment by officers, who will undertake all formal consultations before assessing the planning case. They will make a recommendation to planning committee members, who in turn will make the final decision.

## Tell us what you think

You can [have your say](#) on our proposals for this new facility by completing our survey before Sunday 9 January 2022

Alternatively you can email us through [emily@royalpilgrim.com](mailto:emily@royalpilgrim.com).

All comments received will be treated anonymously.

## Next steps

We intend to submit a planning application in early 2022. Before we do so, please do complete a feedback form to have your say. Please let us have your comments by Sunday 9 January 2022.

We anticipate that a planning application will be submitted in January/February. Subject to planning approval being achieved, we would hope to have a decision on this by the Spring. On that basis, construction work could start in 2022 and the facility could be ready in time for the 2025 season.

We will continue to provide progress updates on this page. However, if you would like to speak to somebody about these proposals, please contact [emily@royalpilgrim.com](mailto:emily@royalpilgrim.com) or call 0800 089 0362.

## APPENDIX 8: Feedback form

### Have your say

To let us know what you think about the proposals to bring a new cricket facility for Lancashire County Cricket Club to Farington, please complete the feedback form below.

#### Name

Title Name

#### Address

House name/No and street

Street Address

Street Address Line 2

Town/City

City

County

State

Post code

Zip Code

Country

#### E-mail

Please tell us in what capacity you are commenting on the proposals? (Tick all that apply)

- Resident
- Business/Organisation
- Councillor
- Lancashire County Cricket Club member
- Active sport participant
- Interested in sport participation/cricket
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How strongly do you agree or disagree with the proposal? (Tick one option)

- Strongly agree
- Tend to agree
- Neither agree or disagree
- Tend to disagree
- Strongly disagree

Do you have any comments?

Type here...

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- Please tick here if you would NOT like us to contact you about this project

**SUBMIT**

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# APPENDIX 9: Leaflet

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Royal Pilgrim Communications  
PO Box 208  
HECKMONDWIKE  
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### NEXT STEPS

We intend to submit a planning application in the coming weeks. Before we do so, please do complete the attached freepost feedback form to have your say. You can also have your say through the website by completing the online form.

With support from Royal Pilgrim Communications, we are intending to host some online consultation sessions about these proposals. If you'd like to participate, please contact us using the details below. Should planning permission be granted and there are no delays in the planning or development process, then we would anticipate that the facility would be ready in time for the 2025 season.

### Plans for new cricket facility for Lancashire Cricket

Lancashire Cricket and Lancashire County Council are working together to develop a new high-quality professional and community cricket facility on the Woodcock Estate in Farington.

Before we submit a planning application, we would like to know what you think. Please complete the freepost feedback form in this information leaflet to have your say. You can also comment by completing the online form on the website [www.lancashire.gov.uk/cricket](http://www.lancashire.gov.uk/cricket).

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### What's being proposed?

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The facility will become a Centre of Excellence for Women's Cricket in the North West, whilst also helping Lancashire Cricket to continue to develop and nurture the county's best young talent.

Farington would host first class professional matches as well as elite training facilities. Existing out grounds will still host some competitive matches, like they do at present.

Both pitches will be served by a single pavilion building which will include changing rooms, a gym and hospitality outlets. Spectating areas will be created through natural grass terracing slopes around each pitch. All weather cricket training nets are also proposed.



#### TRANSPORT

The Woodcock Estate is accessible by public transport, close to existing bus routes and local railway stations. Cycle and car parking will also be provided on the site. Vehicle and pedestrian access will be from a new service road and footpath off Stanfield Lane. We are working with the County Council's Highways team and transport consultants to develop a transport strategy for the site, which will deal with both day to day use and also cater for occasional event days.

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### FEEDBACK FORM

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Title  Name

Address

County  Postcode

Email

Which best describes you:

Resident  Business/Organisation

Councillor  Lancashire County Cricket Club Member

Active sport participant  Interested participant or cricketer

How strongly do you agree or disagree with this proposal?

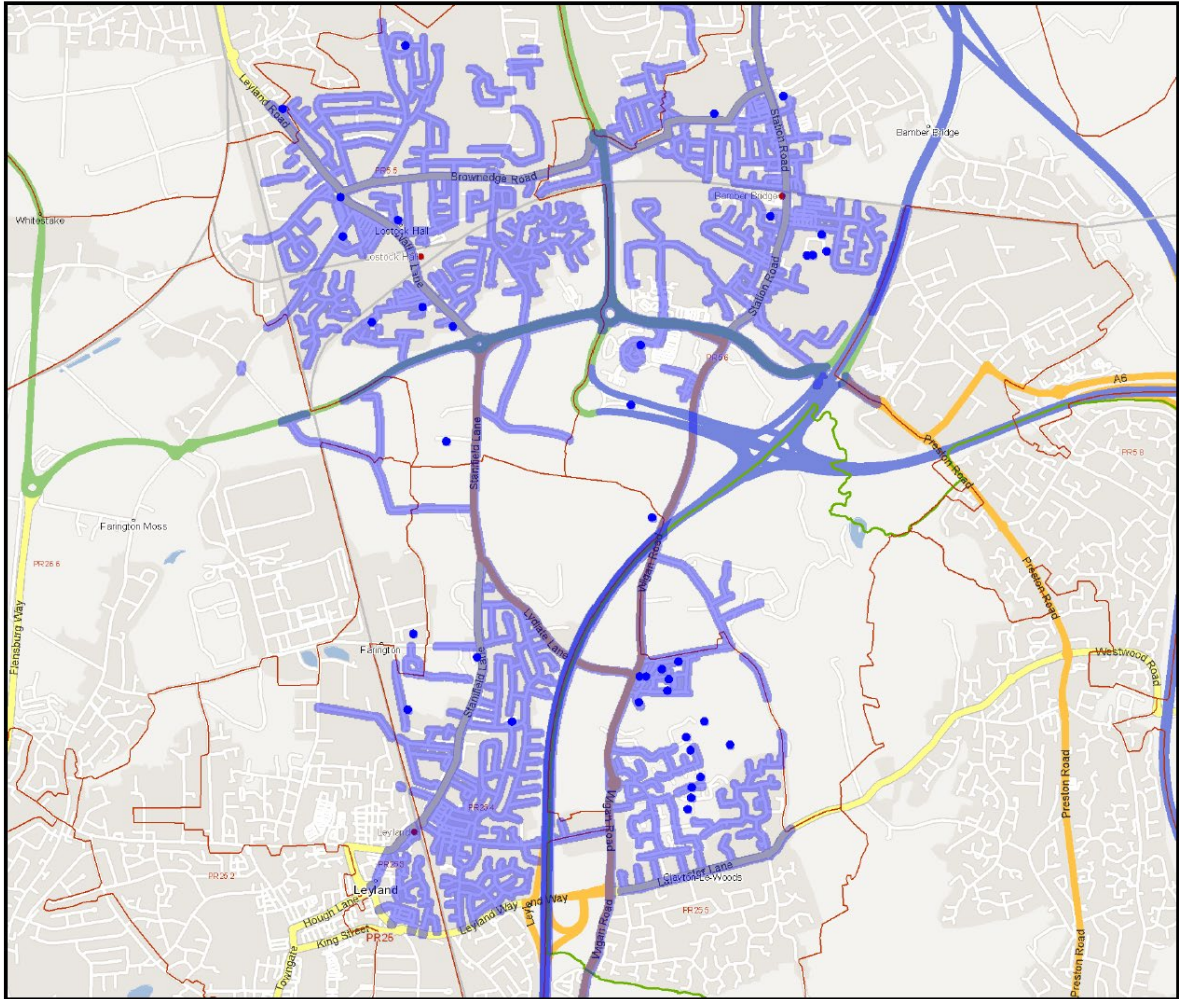
Strongly agree  Tend to agree  Neither agree or disagree

Tend to disagree  Strongly disagree

Comments:

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☐ If you DO NOT wish to be contacted regarding the above proposal, please tick here.



Height: 3 miles

Delivery Count: 10726

## APPENDIX 10: Comments

- I think it could be a good thing so long as the local community is going to be allowed to also benefit from these facilities, such as lessons/training etc.. My only concern is that there has been a huge amount of development in Leyland and the surrounding area in the last few years and nothing has been done to improve infrastructure. We already have huge amounts of traffic, poor quality road surfaces, high pollution and very little green space left apart from Worden Park(which for the amount of residents and location isn't enough anymore) . This is a huge concern for me. I have actually written to REDACTED and LCC about this and have not been provided with any decent explanations/proposals to rectify the problem. I think until infrastructure and traffic congestion/pollution is solved then I would be against this development. Can I just add, improving the bypass isn't good enough as it hasn't solved the problem of traffic in Leyland and Farington. I am also concerned about wildlife as lots of trees and habitats have already been destroyed and not replaced appropriately. Improve the infrastructure and provide alternative public greenspace and protect habitats first.
- No one can rightfully give an 'agree or disagree with the proposal?' if they don't know the costs incurred! If it's let's say for example =
- Great to see a project like this rather more houses, warehouses and supermarkets
- I think it will be good for the local area, our boys are avid cricket fans/ players and to be able to have 1st facilities nearby and within walking distance is superb. Bringing county cricket to the centre of Lancashire is a positive thing as not everyone wants to travel into Manchester. It has strong travel links nearby and will definitely be a positive for the area. Everyone I've spoken to about it has had positive things to say. The local councillors have just gone ahead with their objections without asking anyone what they think. We can't wait to have it on our doorstep. Our son doesn't want to wait until 2024 for it to be built!!
- This is the best thing to happen in my local area! It's great opportunity for the area and for the future of cricket, especially for the younger generation!!
- I think it would be great for the area and the sport. A better use for the land than commercial properties and homes. Good access to the motorway network so won't impact traffic in the local towns.
- Any proposal which provides opportunities for the public to engage in sport must be considered positively. In this case, the proposed site seems ideally placed in terms of existing access/transport. Not only would it provide facilities which local residents could use, it would also give us the opportunity to watch professional cricket being played - something which could inspire the next generation. I am involved with Leyland Cricket Club (particularly the large junior section) and am aware that we have been struggling to secure adequate training/playing facilities over recent years. Additional facilities would be fantastic, if these were indeed to be made available to local clubs. My only caveat would be that a development of this nature/cost could take all the focus/possible investment away from local clubs and grass roots cricket - whatever funding/resources there may be should distributed fairly in order to benefit all those in the community.

- I am not a cricket fan but I think that this proposal will be brilliant for the area. It is perfect for access from the motorway network and is so much better for the area than just more housing. My one reservation would be to ensure that there is enough parking provision at the venue for even the biggest matches, because the local residential roads are narrow, so parking on the local roads would be very dangerous and disruptive if visitors to the new ground were to park on them. Providing that issue is addressed, I think this is an excellent idea for the local area and for South Ribble.
- Brilliant to see the vision and forward thinking for the area
- Excellent proposal!! It can only be a good thing for the whole area - any accessible sports facilities are to be welcomed, and beautiful cricket pitches will still offer 'green spaces', especially if a footpath/walk could be incorporated around the ground.
- What a fantastic opportunity to have such a facility in Leyland. I have no doubt it will help promote sports generally in the area. It is much needed. Thanks.
- I think it's a wonderful idea if we can get professional cricket in this area.
- This would be an outstanding development for the area and the community. The social benefits of this proposal would be far reaching. The site is located in a sustainable location, close to motorway junctions and within walking distance of Lostock Hall train station.
- An excellent proposal which will fire up enthusiasm for cricket in Central Lancashire. The development will hardly affect the local area and will bring a much needed facility to this part of Lancashire
- Great for Leyland Lancashire and cricket. It will help people get fitter
- This proposal is a fantastic opportunity for this area. A great chance of accessing both elite sport and recreational. It's a perfect location with superb transport links. The development is sympathetic to its environment
- Absolutely fantastic news for everyone who loves cricket in this part of Lancashire. Really hope it gets approval
- Cricket is thriving sport in this area of Lancashire as can be seen by the many clubs playing in the Northern League and Palace Shield. Leyland CC for example field 4 Senior Saturday teams, a Sunday Senior teams, 7 Junior teams, and 2 ladies teams, as well as accommodating many children in the All Stars programme. This is a common situation in many clubs in the area. The women's game is going from strength to strength and for our area to be chosen as a centre of excellence for Lancashire is a great honour and will encourage more and more youngsters to get involved in sport. I really hope this goes ahead and I look forward to many visits to the complex in years to come.
- What a fantastic opportunity this would be for our community. To have this kind of facility on our doorstep would bring huge advantages, particularly to the youngsters who are interested in cricket.
- This would be amazing for the area. Promoting sport and physical activity and bringing income to the area from visitors.
- It would be an amazing asset to the community
- This would be an amazing opportunity for young people to access high quality facilities, our family are delighted with these proposals!

- I think this would be a brilliant facility for the area
- I think this would offer the local area and surrounding areas some excellent sporting facilities along which much need economical boost win the events support the local business.
- I feel that the proposals as they stand would offer a tremendous boost for the area and provide much needed opportunity to connect with top level women's and men's cricket.
- As my daughter plays Lancashire Girls Age Group Cricket and Club Cricket we can only see this as a massive positive. She would benefit from the facilities and the benefits of not having to travel to Emirates. As a family we look forward to going to games and supporting the local economy.
- My daughter is a member of Leyland Cricket Club, I think this is an amazing opportunity for the area to have these facilities available in the area.
- What a great idea and fantastic news for the local economy. This will also be great to get people active after covid restrictions. I really hope it happens.
- This would be an amazing facility for locals and for the development of the sport. Somewhere for the youngsters to go. Cricket is massive in Leyland and this would be a great boost! New jobs etc Build it!
- This will be a fantastic addition to south ribble. Much better than yet another housing estate. Will help with developing children into sport without having to travel out of area and will bring much needed jobs and support to the area
- Fabulous idea and concept, fingers crossed this gets passed
- It should definitely be inclusive and promote disability cricket. I think it would be a huge asset to the area and reduce anti-social behaviour by increasing participation in positive, engaging activities.
- I think it's a brilliant idea. There's a lot of people who travel from this area to watch our county side, it would be nice to walk to watch the Red Rose instead of a 40 minute drive
- Hope the county council reject the complaints I have seen recently on social media. This is an important development for South Ribble and Preston. I'm sure other councils would welcome the development with open arms.
- A real asset to the area, just what is needed for the future of cricket in Lancashire. Cricket is hugely popular and there is growing interest in all aspects from age group cricket right through to women and men's first teams. A perfect spot in the heart of Lancashire!
- Fantastic proposal and a very good strategic use of the site being close to road, rail and motorway links. This will bring more money and opportunities in to the local economy and stop people traveling for similar events.
- The local area and economy should benefit from such a proposal. To have a top class facility offering sporting opportunities to both participate and spectate can only reap good benefits.
- This will be a great opportunity for the cricket in the area to grow and get opportunities within the Lancashire County level, somewhat is biased towards Manchester based clubs until now
- Excellent proposals.
- I am Chairman of Leyland Cricket Club and this proposal has mine and our clubs unequivocal support. The development will provide a massive boost for the sport of cricket in the local area and we view it as a once in a lifetime opportunity to gain an amazing facility in the local area. I have no doubt that the facility will be highly beneficial to the local cricket community and also to

the wider local community in general. Within the last 15 years two cricket grounds have been lost in Leyland (Leyland Motors and BTR) so if the local community can access the new development on occasions that will be a huge bonus to us. We have seen a significant growth in women's and girls' cricket so it is fantastic news that the facility will be a centre of excellence for women's and girls' cricket.

- While I am fully behind the proposal and think that it will be great for the area and local economy. Is there any chance they could build a few football pitches . It looks like there is plenty of room around the sides . Kids football around Preston and south ribble is really struggling to find suitable playing areas for our young teams . Doing this would go a long way to winning over the hearts and minds of local people .
- I think this proposal will be great for the area on many fronts, bringing high class Cricket facilities to the area can only be a good thing. The location seems well thought out also.
- Will be an excellent addition to the area
- Think it is a fabulous idea :)
- Amazing opportunity for south ribble and the local community! Much needed!
- A much needed local development for the south ribble area. Both my children live within 3 miles of this site.
- Will be wonderful for the area
- The facilities will help the development of cricket for all and I hope it demonstrates the club's commitment to diversity and equality.
- Just a great idea for cricket and for Leyland
- This will bring cricket to the local community and will bring jobs and revenue to the area. Very much support and look forward to watching cricket in Farington
- I think it is a great idea. When developing, please consider spectator facilities as well as the possibility of shuttle busses from Leyland and Lostock Hall stations, reducing the amount of cars in the area. Please also consider how local businesses can be supported in the proposal. This is much needed for the area and for cricket in general.
- Brilliant proposals which would be of great benefit to both the cricketing community and the wider local community. I wholeheartedly support the proposed development and can't wait to watch my county play at a local facility.
- This proposal would be tremendous for the area! I'm a Leyland boy, I spend every weekend there and I play cricket in the local area. Gaining two pitches would be phenomenal. I can't express how excited I am by this proposal. Leyland CC is currently having to occupy Wellfield school and groundshare at Whittle-le-Woods CC, so the opportunity to be tenants for at least some games at the proposed Farington site would be invaluable. Leyland CC was formed of two clubs - one being Leyland & Farington CC. Having an opportunity to be present in Farington again would be so beneficial to the community and to the sport. Furthermore, having a Lancashire outground in central Lancashire would be tremendous. It's a pocket of the county that is overlooked at times due to other locations, so the opportunity to attract more tourism into the area would be invaluable. Thank you for your time and best of luck with the proposal.
- A great facility for the area. A lot of recreational cricket clubs in the area who will be able to make use of the training facilities and probably also good wickets for cup finals etc. While it will



be a further distance to travel for spectators for T20 etc matches from Manchester and Cheshire it will be a similar distance for Merseyside residents and nearer for Lancashire and Cumbria people. From a personal point of view it is less than 5 miles from where I live so naturally in favour.

- Good time to make great use of fallow land without disrupting Homes & businesses. Will need careful traffic management adjacent to the A585/Stanifield lane roundabout and heading to Leyland
- A great idea. Let's bring Lancashire cricket to the heart of Lancashire! 🏏
  
- Will be an asset to Lancashire with great road and rail links.
- They look exceptional and compliment the local area. A great attraction for young players and would be brilliant if the facilities are open to the local community cricket sides when fixtures allow.
- Perfect siting for a cricket ground with quick routes to the motorway network and in the immediate vicinity of a lot of quality amateur cricket teams. It's also on the doorstep of an excellent women's cricket set up that can only improve from this development
- I think this would be a great thing for Farington it would be a great boost and I think it would go down very well with the majority of residents
- I think this would a fantastic development for the local area, and I am pleased to see the aims regarding wildflowers, green space a low carbon footprint. I have two young daughters, and a family behind me of female amateur cricket players and having this on the door step would be brilliant for women's sport and Lancashire! I hope there will be a local resident price for tickets and I am sure we will be there a lot! Good luck!
- I think it's a fantastic idea
- Great facilities and great for the community.
- The benefits of this proposal far outweigh any disadvantages!! Good luck!
- As a Lancashire fan, this looks to be an excellent facility that will help drive the club forward and inspire the next generation of young cricketers. I am glad to see that the club are still committed to playing at our existing out grounds. I think that retaining cricket at our out grounds is vitally important in order to retain support from Lancs members.
- I think this is fantastic news and am fully in support of the development.
- I am strongly in favour of these plans. It's well overdue that Lancs CCC brought Central Lancashire into the fold and made cricket accessible to the whole of the county. The nearby links of the M6/M65/M61 make this a perfect spot for residents across the county to access and I have no issues as a local resident re traffic, noise or any other concern. I hope you receive the full backing of South Ribble Council, Lancashire Council and my fellow local residents. I'm very excited for this and the benefits it will bring to the Greater Preston area.
- I'm actually really excited for this to happen. I think you will get a large uptake in people wanting to go to watch any standard of games. It's actually in Lancashire which is even better. Please go ahead

- Having a facility like this on our doorstep can only increase participation in all sports not just cricket as well as bring significant economic investment. The design appears extremely sympathetic to the surrounding environment. Fully supportive of development like this.
- This is the best news for a long time in this area and I'm sure most people of Leyland and surrounding areas will be absolutely delighted with these proposals. Fantastic for cricket fans and also help encourage youngsters to the sport of cricket.
- I think this is a fantastic idea and would relish the opportunity to take my daughter's along to watch the games there. I'm a frequent visitor to Old Trafford for both Lancashire and England games so to have a ground close by would be great.
- Brilliant opportunity, especially at that end of the town
- Welcome proposal to bring high quality sporting facilities to the local area.
- As a long-time cricket player and spectator from Leyland, I'm hugely excited by these proposals. I've long been a critic of the level of development on green belt land within South Ribble, but this is the perfect compromise - the chance to keep land green and rejuvenate and open up access to fields that have never really felt like the attractive rural land this status should set out to achieve. This thoughtful development would instantly make the area more eye-catching and pleasing, with more interesting green landscaping, as well as providing an exciting hub for people to play and watch sport. Please ignore the NIMBY attitude of the likes of a local borough councillor, who I have already noted on social media as being an outspoken critic of the 'traffic issues' this facility will allegedly create... even those of us who love cricket with a passion accept that we don't attract huge crowds to our sport and for the handful of days per year when this site will attract exciting showpiece events and additional footfall/income into the area, a brief period of enhanced traffic is something that we can all live with, and I'm very confident that the public transport infrastructure can handle the additional numbers that would be arriving from afar. Good luck - and thank you - to all those behind this application, which I hope will lead to the creation of an amazing venue that I hope to take my son to regularly in years to come.
- Any proposal for sports facilities has my vote.
- It will be a great addition to the community
- This will be a real positive for the area and hopefully drive participation in sports for young children. Only good can come from this.
- Great to see a facility combining both professional and community needs. Feel it would be a great development as opposed to clogging with another new housing estate.
- Brilliant!!the sooner the better and it's nice to see leisure rather than houses Crack on asap!!!!
- This would be great.
- It will be excellent to have high quality cricket in Lancashire run by Lancashire Cricket Club, especially as it will look to provide facilities for women's cricket which are badly needed given the increased participation within the area. I really hope that these plans are passed.
- I think this is a great opportunity to promote the game in, what used to be a hotbed of Northern league cricket. The Palace shield is strong and enthusiastic amateur league in the heart of this area. Massively in favour..
- A much better idea than more housing.

- I believe this would be good for the area, especially for the young interested in cricket and for those wanting to watch elite cricket, whilst to a certain point preserving 'green' space.
- This would be an amazing addition to the local area, it would provide 1st class sporting facilities for people like myself who're avid Cricket players, but also provide future opportunities for my Children who are becoming avid players themselves. Furthermore, it would provide a development for the area which is not another housing development. I appreciate the need for extra housing an all, but it would be amazing to have a development for the local community to enjoy that is not yet more housing, whilst it would also be much less invasive for the local existing residents. From a Lancashire County Cricket point of view also, it would provide a facilities in an excellent location - it is literally right off a main road that connects to a motorway interchange that connects all main population centres of our county. It would also be a focal point for the community and a facility we could be proud of having in our local area.
- Realise locals will be bothered about the plans but they need to be informed well. Great move by the club to move to the West of Lancashire. Good luck 🏏😊😊👍
- I think it would a fabulous boost for the local area. The local economy would surely benefit. Leyland and Farington have lost two cricket clubs in the last 20 years, BTR and Leyland Motors. I know that Leyland Cricket Club have tried for many years to acquire a second ground. They are extremely limited whilst renting the artificial cricket pitch from a local school. With no access to facilities or any prospect of improving the ground. This could improve the local facilities potentially. Leyland d has a proud history of producing high quality cricketers and this facility would surely only improve that. It would be an amazing resource and focal point for future cricketers in South Ribble and Preston. If the land is not used for a sports facility surely it will be sold for housing. The people in the area must ask themselves do they dozens of new houses or a premier sports facility on their doorsteps? I sincerely hope this project is given the green light.
- A great idea for Central Lancashire. Please build it as it will provide many opportunities for increased participation in Lancashire.
- I entirely support the proposals and hope you stand your ground (no pun intended) against the vocal minority who are little more than introspective narrow-minded nimbies.
- This is a great opportunity to not only create local jobs but to bring a first class sporting venue to the area with first class facilities that can be used by the whole community.
- Personally I'm 100% agree with this, as not only getting to watch Lancashire play cricket there will also be employment for the local area and hospitality facilities I for one will attend games and fngs-xd (Sic) may even get to watch England play.... Great idea you certainly get my vote
- The area is in need of some sporting facilities
- I think this will be a great facility to the local community and help to encourage active participation in sport for all ages. Transport links are good especially train. I have some concerns about accessing Todd Lane South from the motorway/ Lostock Lane when events are scheduled.
- Excellent news to bring cricket into the heart of Lancashire. Strongly approve of the plans, I think it will be a very welcome addition to the local community and provide excellent opportunities to residents.
- A new cricket ground will be a fantastic addition to the Leyland and Farington area.
- Excellent idea looks to be a fantastic addition for the area. Hope it goes through.

- This will be a great asset for the local area. We already have enough houses and supermarkets, it's really good to see something being proposed that will give something back to the community.
- This will be a fantastic location for a county standard cricketing facility in the heart of Lancashire and will enable Lancastrian's access to watching games at a ground within the county rather than travelling to Manchester. As a cricket lover/player I would hope to get the chance to play on the ground also. I believe it will be a great boost to the area with tourism and local businesses receiving a boost in visitor numbers with already great transport links to the area. I also believe it will provide more local jobs for local people and give the area something to be proud of.
- What a fantastic idea for South Ribble
- Is there any scope for other sports, for example crown green bowls
- A wonderful idea!
- I feel this proposed development is a wonderful opportunity for the area in so many ways. An elite sporting venue with retention of green space that can inspire and help the development of future generations of sportsmen and women that creates job opportunities in the process. Traffic fears when looking in to the number of potential 'major' matchdays should be minimal. It is an excellent opportunity for the area that should be given every chance.
- I think it would be a fantastic addition to South Ribble and Lancashire as a whole. Leyland is supported by a train station in walking distance, and two motorway junctions. The existing road network is substantial (save for the A582 between Lostock Hall and Flensburg Way.
- I would like to see who the road network and car parking / public transport drop off points link together, to ensure minimal traffic impact on the surroundings areas.
- With the loss of 2 cricket grounds in Leyland in the past 20 years, to promote cricket in the borough can only help promote the game. It would have negligible effect on traffic or scenery and would attract greater focus on sports in the area
- Lancs CCC really needs a significant Presence in modern Lancashire. Old Trafford is too far away from the Lancashire heartlands. I personally live in Greater Manchester but Lancs CCC should be about the Central and East Lancs areas i.e. modern Lancashire, and this proposal is a fair compromise for local fans
- Would be a fantastic addition to the community. Please do not let the detractors khaboosh these plans.
- I think it would be amazing for the local area in so many ways
- I feel this is a real asset for the local community and an innovative development. It would offer a great facility for local youngsters as well as bringing economic benefits to the area. It also preserves some green space in an area that is seeing a lot of building developments.
- Having grown up on PR25 and lived in town most of my life I believe the proposal will be excellent for the town.
- This would be a great asset to the area and this opportunity should not be missed.
- I have never been more enthusiastic about a project in my local area in my life. I love cricket and have played majority of my life starting locally with BTR CC then moving to Leyland. To have Lancashire cricket this close to my house would be an unbelievable opportunity to see more cricket and I would be a regular visitor with my family.

- This project MUST happen. It's so important for so many reasons. I want my two small children to be inspired by this facility and want to learn how to play cricket and become of a fan of the sport (unlike me). I just wish I had a facility like this in Farington when I was growing up as a small child in Leyland. Please, do not allow the small, minded minority to ruin this once in a lifetime opportunity for Farington and the wider area.
  - You literally couldn't find a better location for such a development. Slap bang in the middle of Lancashire and at the confluence of roads & motorways that can reach most parts of Lancashire/Greater Manchester/Merseyside in under an hour. Also keeps crucial and precious green belt mostly green. If this proposal isn't given the green light it will be an absolute travesty.
  - Having brought up two boys with a keen interest in cricket , which they continue to enjoy and participate in through adult life, this sounds like an excellent venue that could be enjoyed by families of all ages and give an interest and purpose to many young people looking for something to occupy them and teach them many life skills as well as sporting achievements. It will be a great asset to the surrounding community.
  - This proposal will provide an elite sporting facility which will be of great benefit to the local community and the wider catchment area. It is a brilliant use of green space without over development and should create a real sporting legacy locally, particularly for women and girls.
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- I wholeheartedly approve and look forward to watching some great games of cricket with my young family soon!
  - I think the proposed cricket facilities will be a boon for the area. The local residents and businesses will certainly benefit. Great idea.
  - I think this is a great opportunity for the area not a housing development for a change. Great for clubs in the area to develop and feed into and something for the young to aspire to especially the girls .
  - Always in favour of vacant green space being developed for sport, as opposed to housing or industry, I'm particularly pleased with the plans to use it to grow women's cricket. Fully t this and I will even try and attend games as a spectator.
  - This would be fantastic for the local community and hopefully encourage some of the local younger generation for years to come to engage with a fantastic sport, and hopefully aspire some to take up the sport. This can only be a good thing.
  - I have played and more recently umpired on many local cricket grounds in the area and feel it is a shame that so many cricket clubs that were once thriving are no longer with us. It is so encouraging to see an upturn in the game especially in girls and women's cricket this is a very welcome facility. So many cricket clubs that where probably established well before subsequent surrounding houses were built - hence causing conflict with balls going into private property (and the dangers involved). It is refreshing to see the foresight of this fit for purpose facility.
  - This would be exceptional for Leyland and the surrounding area, we have brilliant sporting children/adults but lack the needed facilities. From a parent/spectator of cricket amongst other things to be able to walk to watch first class cricket would be a dream please support the application. Regarding traffic we are at the centre of major motorway routes and we do get

problems but we are used to it and would hope that it would in fact help towards improving the roads etc around the area rather than having to wait longer for basically nothing being done

- This needs to happen! Great for the future cricketers in our area, children will have such great facilities to train and play. Create jobs and family days out.
- A really good idea and great use of the currently empty space. Would be a great boost to the area and support Lostock Hall's bars and pubs too. Fantastic proposal
- A most welcome development in the area, economic, cultural and sporting! Great work by the team who brought about this opportunity.
- I think it is a good idea to have the cricket ground in this area, we have so few top class facilities in South Ribble that it would definitely enhance this area. Although I am not a cricket fan, it would be nice to have the option to watch a game, especially as it is within walking distance. Also we are experiencing unprecedented house building in the vicinity of Leyland, that the cricket ground would safeguard the area around the Woodcock Estate, leaving it relatively unspoilt. All in all I am in favour of this development.
- The project, although sited in greenbelt will still keep a green wedge between the towns of Leyland and Lostock Hall. The facility will provide income into the local economy, whilst offering a top class grass root facility for the local community. The sight of top professional cricketers, and the development of the women's game should inspire the youngsters of South Ribble to take up the sport providing a focus for wellbeing. The site is currently dominated by pasture grassland, so with the right landscape proposals, Biodiversity Net Gain should be achieved.
- Build it a fantastic community project. Good for the local area !
- We think it's a brilliant idea as it will bring people to the area. People of different ages and help the sporting community. We would rather this than more houses/flats etc. It keeps the area green.
- Terrific proposal. High class sporting venue locally can only encourage young people to take up sport
- A much needed county cricket facility in our West Coast area would be fantastic. My two grandsons participate in junior cricket at Leyland C club and this would give them & our family a better chance to see top class cricket. The cost of regularly taking our family to first class cricket in Manchester is prohibitive.
- Sounds amazing the thought that schools and local teams could play on a 1st class pitch and would be amazing for Lancashire to actually play a few games in Lancashire
- Personally I think this would be a great development for the local cricket area, especially for women's cricket, which is a fast growing sport in the local area. So long as the transport links in the area improve, especially as the new housing on Croston Road is built, then I think this will be a successful project - but improved public transport and quicker bus routes in the area may be necessary to reduce traffic.
- A fantastic opportunity for the local community to be a part of this significant Lancashire County Cricket development. Would offer local employment and great opportunity to local grass roots sport. It would be very exciting to have the opportunity to have a first class sports facility in the vicinity where families can easily access /view top level sport.
- Fantastic addition to the area

- I would welcome this facility as a positive asset for the South Ribble and Central Lancashire area. This has always been a strong cricket community with Leyland Cricket Club being one of the oldest in the country.
- Fantastic opportunity to enthuse the younger generation in sport and exercise
- It would be fantastic for Lancashire County Cricket Club to have an accessible and quality home within the current footprint of Lancashire, increasing access and therefore encouraging future participation in the game. I try to take my son to T20 games, but the >1 hour journey time to Old Trafford on a school night is often prohibitive. This would be a welcome alternative
- Brilliant idea
- Excellent proposal and fully supported
- As membership secretary of a local cricket club I feel this is a fantastic proposal and essential for the development of this sport and further integration with community. Also would be a huge benefit in further development of the women and girls game and access to further good standard facilities by recreational clubs. I believe this is essential and would be very well supported by the local cricket community. A brilliant initiative!
- Excellent proposal just what central Lancashire requires
- I would love to see this happen, I am really enthused by this proposal and think it would be a very positive addition to our local area
- I think it will be fantastic for the area, anything I can do to support let me know!
- Good initiative for the sport and the community. Will help inspire the younger generation to be involved if the facilities are provided.
- I think it would be an asset to the area
- Great for the community and could give interest to more young kids to get into cricket. Walton le dale cc could make use of the second pitch
- I strongly agree with this proposal for the future of both male and female cricket in Lancashire.
- Brilliant . Will certainly benefit our area in many aspects. A really excellent change from just destroying our local area building houses everywhere.
- The University of Central Lancashire, a leader in Sport, recognises the importance of elite facilities for the development of cricket. The proposal offers a versatile facility which can cater for community and development pathways as well as professional standard. The focus on establishing a centre of excellence for women's cricket will be welcomed.
- Open spacious design
- As an active cricketer at a local club (New Longton CC) I think this would be a wonderful addition to facilities in the area - we have particularly struggled in recent years to find decent winter net venues, being left with high school gyms, which are not ideal. I would be interested in the possibility of putting facilities for other sports on the site. There is currently a severe lack of astro-turf hockey pitches available in central Lancs, with teams needing to agree to increasingly extreme start times to be able to host fixtures. Pitches are increasingly being converted to 3G, with funding from the FA, but this is not a suitable surface for hockey or netball. Adding a hockey facility to the site might also open up other funding opportunities as a multi-sports site, would attract a wider audience to the site, who could be engaged in cricketing activities and would provide much needed community sports facilities. Current 'homeless' clubs in the area are

Brookfield Hockey Club and Chorley Phoenix Hockey Club, who between them currently have five senior teams and various junior age groups. Preston Hockey Club also need to hire pitches every Saturday to cover their 10 senior teams. Such a facility would be an income generator for the site, which would require limited maintenance and management, as most bookings would be long term/season long engagements. There would be limited overlap with outdoor cricketing activities, with the hockey season running over autumn/winter. Hopefully, you will be able to give this idea some serious thought, as I think it would be a genuinely positive addition to the site.

- What an awesome thing to bring to the area, this is right on my doorstep and I'm really looking forward to taking my little lad to see his first match there, well done to who ever thought this up.
- This area is already highly congested with traffic and the proposed plans would further exacerbate the traffic problems. This is an area rich with wildlife, the plans would destroy animal and insect homes. This area provides natural drainage which prevents flooding. Development on such land is detrimental to the environment. We do not need any more sports facilities, there are cricket pitches in Leyland, Chorley and Penwortham. Sports facilities in Chorley, Leyland, and Preston. Is there really a market for women's cricket?
- This is a total waste of money, how many brown envelopes have been passed under tables to get this stupid idea through, the land would be better used getting local children to plant it up as woodland then in years to come the LCC could harvest the trees put some money back into the kitty and replant, oh no that won't happen no brown envelopes.
- The roads surrounding the proposed area are backed up and congested enough as it is, the addition of the ground is going to make accessing the local housing a nightmare. When you combine this with the additional works ongoing at the business Park the roads and area cannot handle this
- Stop wasting public funds on this nonsensical
- Money talks! LCC couldn't sell, rent or gift this land to a successful local grassroots juniors football club, who wanted to use it for a couple of different sports (including grassroots cricket) and for the benefit of all of the community, but it's okay for 'elite' sports.
- Also, that road is already a nightmare at most times of the day. Walton-le-Dale Cricket Club and Lostock Hall Juniors FC (MBE) will now miss out even further because of the greed of LCC!
- I have major concerns about green belt land being used for this development, especially when land across the road is currently available for development. Councils need to be looking at their Biodiversity net gain and the small amount of green belt land available should be utilised for wildlife, not profit making ventures. Leyland has very few areas of forest/wild land that can be enjoyed by people with mental health problems (especially when combined with the new building currently in development) and land like this could be utilised better to create stress free environments and avoid strain on the NHS. The ex-IKEA site across the road would be perfect for this venue as it would provide good access direct from the motorway for spectator parking, safer walking/cycling routes and more car parking facilities. Nobody will walk from the train station due to the distance, there aren't many buses along the route and Stanifield Lane is dangerous for cyclists at present (many actually use the single track footpath rather than the road).



Providing parking for 5,000 spectators will be difficult and a large area of green belt land would need to be compromised to achieve this. Double yellow lines would also need to be implemented on Stanifield Lane as if spectators parked along this road it would cause chaos together with high pollution levels. Much of our wildlife are now on red lists, close to extinction, and Councils should be taking responsibility and looking at ways to stop this from happening rather than short term money making schemes - we will not get this green belt land back. If this proposal were made for the land on the opposite side of the road I suspect there would be far fewer objections. Fowler Lane land (currently agricultural use) could also be considered and as this is a dead end roadside parking could be an option. Hopefully LCC will re-think the location of this development and not end up with another waste tip fiasco with problems raised at conception coming to fruition because of poor planning.

- It will bring far too much traffic to an already congested area.
- Leave the fields as fields. You mention encouraging wildlife. There will already be wildlife there. Why not use the land off the m65 that was going to be Ikea get that revamped as its already been ploughed down. Use what has already been destroyed before destroying more greenfield and causing more misery for residents.
- Stanifield Lane and surrounding roads cannot take any more traffic plus it's green belt land for a reason and should not be built on under any circumstances.
- There is absolutely no need for this. We already have a functional cricket club in Leyland. It's not a sport that hundreds of people flock to watch or to even play. It's not an inclusive sport and I literally don't see the need for a structure like this, eating away at some of the last few fields in Leyland that don't have houses on.
- Please leave this green for our people and kids to breathe
- Wrong place in residential area. People who have to travel will not use public transport and will drive. Very little car parking. Stanifield Lane is an absolute nightmare at evening time, and LCC will do nothing about the stupid traffic lights at 5he roundabout. Extra traffic on the local roads will be immense. Why not use the IKEA site. Much more space.
- I support the development of such a facility in the area where I have lived for 57 years as it would be prestigious for the area and beneficial for the local community and Lancs as a whole. I do however strongly disagree with the development on what is largely a greenbelt site. The area between Leyland/Farrington and Lostock Hall is one of the few remaining greenbelt areas south of Preston and this development would erode it and encourage other development leading to a complete loss eventually. There must be a suitable brown field site somewhere in Lancashire and that would be preferable even it's not in my local area.
- I only disagree with the location. Why use greenbelt land when there is the unused Ikea site available? The Ikea site would have the added benefit of allowing access straight onto the motorway network. It is unlikely that people will be using the train station at Lostock Hall or Leyland to access either location, meaning that there will be increased levels of traffic using the roads that are already very busy at peak times and especially so when the M6 has any form of tailback on it, which it frequently does. It is good that a high quality sporting venue is being considered for an area that could do with such a venue, but it's just on the wrong site.

- This is the wrong place for this development. Many established trees will have to be destroyed. Not enough consideration of the congested road network around the site. Poor site access and not enough parking. Cricket is a minority sport and does not warrant taking up so much green land for rich spectators.
- Plans look fantastic. My only concern is whether this facility will ultimately take members away from other cricket clubs in the area. I am an active member of Leyland Cricket Club which has a number of academy, ladies and men's teams and which is run almost exclusively by volunteers. My concern would be that a lot of members may decide to leave Leyland CC in favour of becoming members at this new modern facility. Has any thought been given to the potential detrimental impact this new facility may have on longstanding (but underfunded) local clubs?
- With Leyland's average rainfall (48.9") almost 20% more than Manchester (42") and as a counterbalance to the southern predominance of Old Trafford and Aigburth I would have preferred a more northern site with good rail and road links such as Carnforth. However, I have since learnt that Carnforth's average rainfall (55") is over 30% more than Manchester! (Data taken from <https://en.climate-data.org>) It seems that the Farrington site, if resident, environmental and transport objections can be placated, would be the best compromise. It should be noted; however, that Lancashire's T20 crowds are usually far in excess of the projected 5000 capacity, often at least double or almost triple that number, for example - <https://cricket.lancashirecricket.co.uk/news/2019-news/record-attendance-for-roses-fixture-at-emirates-old-trafford/> ("Emirates Old Trafford welcomed a 13,710 strong crowd for Lancashire Lightning's opening Vitality Blast victory over Durham. That was the Club's record domestic attendance for a non-Roses clash in 16 years of playing in T20 cricket.")
- Could be fantastic news, obviously would like to know more about it and be able to discuss the plans but overall I am currently in favour
- I would like to be reassured that the planners have taken the floodplain nature of this site into account. The River Lostock has flooded near to this site in the past. Also I would like to know what is to happen to the houses currently on the Woodcock Estate and to the public footpaths that run across the area.
- I think this would be good for the area as it would least preserve some space for nature. I welcome the opportunities it should bring to local young people to parents and grandparents to watch and encourage them if that could be part of the plan. It would be good for local sports clubs too. I note that there is a cycle park in the plan. I believe that a lot of people would like to cycle or walk to the venue. Are there any plans to develop safe footpaths/cycleways that are separated from the traffic. It would be brilliant if all people from the South Ribble and Chorley areas could have a safe and enjoyable route to travel to this place. The plan looks good at first glance but I would like to see more detail before fully supporting it.
- As Club Chairman of Lostock Hall Juniors FC, the largest grassroots juniors football club (participants) in South Ribble, I was at first, disappointed to see LCC sell this land after we requested it in 2017 for the benefit of our club, other local clubs and the community. At the time, the club had 450 children and young people. However, I do think that this would be a fantastic opportunity for Farrington, local businesses and the area. It would be great to see the

site become a dual sports development and incorporate facilities for Lostock Hall Juniors Football Club, where the grassroots club could proudly call it 'home' and have facilities suitable to hold volunteer training, courses such as First Aid/CPR and pitches of a quality to host local league cup finals. The club now has over 600 children and young people from Lostock Hall and the surrounding areas and assistance with this proposal would be greatly appreciated and supported by many.

- This sounds like a marvellous idea. However, I do have a major reservation concerning the additional traffic this development would generate. Local roads are already regularly congested and this will inevitably worsen due to the huge residential and commercial development taking place on the old test track in Leyland. Whilst capacity attendances of 5,000 will presumably be relatively infrequent, it is difficult to see how they will not cause further congestion. So, I am certainly in favour of this development in principle but would like to see reports on the likely effect on local roads before giving my unequivocal support.
- Enthused by the idea but would like better understand how this would impact on residents.
- I have a massive issue with this amount of money being spent on a ground, when there are numerous local cricket clubs who have facility issues and especially access to grounds for their multiple teams. I understand that a proportion of this facility is supposed to be put aside for community use, but not sure how that will help local clubs who need to play every Saturday/Sunday and when there's at least 7/8 within the immediate area of South Ribble. It would have been nice for the Council to liaise with all local cricket clubs ahead of this to see what the current state of facilities are. Therefore this now just comes across as the council doing this in conjunction with Lancashire Cricket as it will potentially make more money back than pumping it into the more needy grassroots game.
- The access from Stanfield Lane would need to be carefully managed to ensure safe right turns out of the site toward Leyland and to prevent delays onto the roundabout at peak times where events are taking place. Otherwise, no objections for using a green space in this way.
- Will need a proper junction on Stanfield Lane with either a mini roundabout or traffic lights as traffic is busy on this route.
- As a new starter to the game of cricket I am in favour of the new development and encouraged even more at it being a centre for women's excellence. I do however have 2 reservations. The electricity pylon in the neighbouring field. Will this remain in place and as such is this safe? Or will it be moved and in doing so cause disruption to electricity supply to the local residents. The land itself and property that resides on it. How can we be assured that the people who own it will be treated fairly and not be bullied into selling if they do not wish to go.
- I think it is a great idea, but as a local resident, I have concerns about the transport to and from the venue. Stanifield Lane is very congested as it is, particularly heading out of Leyland towards Lostock Hall/Preston, and this is the only route to the proposed site. Maybe build on the site which was previously proposed for IKEA which is no longer going ahead? This would still be in the local area and a slightly better location for traffic, being near the motorway. I do however think the actual proposal looks very nice. I would be interested in attending matches as a spectator and would use any on site cafés etc. Overall, I think it would be a great addition to the area, if the transport issue could be sorted.

- If this project gets planning permission and carries out all the proposed work suggested it looks like it would be a great benefit to the local community and hopefully providing jobs for the local community. I would certainly support this proposed project.
- Improvements to the traffic junction exiting the roundabout from the M65 and A6 onto the A582 should be included, should this plan be progressed. The current set-up has 3 lanes of traffic merging into two and also people trying to swap lanes. At busy times particularly on the uncontrolled M65 slip road, it is difficult to merge into the left lane to head to Farington as the fast traffic from M65 tries to merge right. This is not helped by the junction with Old School Lane, as this requires traffic to slow down. The pedestrian crossing across the A582 between Todd Lane and Old School Lane will also become increasingly dangerous and mitigation measures should be included to minimise the impact of increased traffic on pedestrians and cyclists. Measures also need to be in place to prevent Old School Lane and Stoney Lane as a shortcut on match days to bypass traffic queues at the Lostock Hall junction, as it currently stands these lanes are not suitable for two-way traffic, pedestrians and cyclists.
- Stanifield Lane is already a very busy road leading up to an incredibly busy roundabout. At peak times, traffic queues in all directions and this facility would put further burden on a road which already does not cope well. I would only agree to this proposal if access were from a different point. I feel the use of the land could be maximised in many more different ways
- As a resident the traffic on Stanifield Lane is often overloaded especially as soon as any disruption occurs on the surrounding network. Tailbacks regularly occur at the junction with the A582 where the traffic lights cannot adequately control the flow out of Stanifield Lane. Putting another major junction into the road in my opinion will require significant upgrade of the existing infrastructure, how will it cope with right turns into or out of the new development at busy times? Another roundabout or sets of lights will add even more disruption to the existing issues. As BMF representative the plans should allow for the provision of secure Motorcycle parking which, along with the Cycle parking, should ideally be protected from the elements and on flat ground with no grids or drains
- I feel cricket is a minority sport which takes a vast amount of space. Why not more green open space to benefit everyone and the environment. What percentage of the female population are interested in cricket? I guess 1%. Most people just want somewhere to walk their dog!
- I first have to admit that I'm not a particular fan of cricket, but my main concern is that this proposal, if agreed, will start a process that will ultimately separate Lancashire County Cricket club from Old Trafford completely. When I was born, back in 1955, Manchester was undeniably a part of Lancashire up until the County of Greater Manchester was invented in the early 1970s.
- Therefore, Lancashire is inexorably part of my identity and LCC always having it's home at Old Trafford is an important reminder of that.
- Will add to the already existing traffic issues on Stanfield Lane and surrounding roads, smaller residential roads already have issues from speeding, inconsiderate drivers in addition to those who believe the residential roads are their car parks often blocking access and cars
- Not against the idea in general BUT WHY does more green belt land have to be desecrated? The proposed site for the ex-IKEA development has already been cleared , and left to rot, that should be utilised. It's got similar transport facilities, road and rail and if it was good enough for IKEA

surely it's good enough for cricket which would have a less intense attendance profile. My worry is that the land is cleared and the proposal falls through and yet again greenbelt land is turned into a barren waste land. Our green spaces are precious and should not be squandered.

- There's so much more needed than a cricket club that the people and children of Leyland are desperate in need of, Leyland hub is daily filled with the prefect people of Leyland writing about kids that are getting their self's in trouble cos there's nothing or no were for them to do or go 🏏 a bowling alley cinema or new swimming leisure centre 🤝 putting money into a cricket club which is not for all to benefit from 😞 do who ever thought of the idea living in the REAL WORLD 😐 so no I don't think or agree with a Leyland cricket club project!
- Would like to know how traffic will be managed on match days
- Great to think we'll have such a great sports facility on our doorstep. A true positive for local residents as well as those further afield.
- Fantastic opportunity for the area and promotion of the sport to the community of Leyland. Such a facility will put Leyland on the map for a popular and prestige sport.