



Public consultation on proposed new multi-purpose all-weather sports facility – tell us your preferences by 10 March 2019

- **What's this about?**

The Falkland Islands Government is proposing to invest some £3 million to build a new multi-purpose all-weather sport facility in Stanley. This budget will provide an indoor sports facility to complement existing activities provided at Stanley Leisure Centre and an outdoor full-size AstroTurf football pitch suitable for general training activities. A provision of a running track and other sporting activities are being considered, subject to the availability of funding.

FIG has consulted with all local sporting bodies, clubs and associations on these proposals and has received very positive feedback. FIG is now seeking input from the public on these proposals.

- **Where have these plans come from?**

These ideas were first put before the Executive Council in 2016 and the commitment to build the new facility was subsequently reiterated in The Islands Plan 2018-2022 where the current Legislative Assembly set out ambitions for improving sporting and leisure facilities to increase involvement and participation, and supporting local sports groups and athletes in raising their competitive standards.

Since then the Government has been through the budget setting process to secure the money required to develop the initial project. It has worked with FIOGA to hold detailed discussions with local sports clubs and key stakeholders on the various options for the development and has reached the stage where feedback can be sought from the public on the available options. This information will be analysed before a paper is taken to the Executive Council on 27 March for approval, in advance of the detailed designs, cost estimates, planning and construction.

The project will also create more space at Stanley Leisure Centre for other activities, such as dance programmes, community exercise classes and more family-based activities. It will also provide more capacity for sports such as short tennis, table tennis and relieve pressure on the squash court.

We know that participating in sport and being active helps people to live longer, healthier and happier lives, and so the development of a new multi-purpose all-weather sports complex will also support the implementation of the Government's new public healthy strategy.

There will be on-going dialogue with sports clubs once the detailed design begins, including assessing options and costs for other items such as shower facilities, heating and ventilation.



- **Where will the facility be based?**

After a comprehensive search for suitable locations, involving the review of 12 sites, the former rugby pitch site off the Bypass Road was selected as being most suitable for the development. This site was chosen as it is the most cost effective to develop, as well as due its close proximity to Stanley Leisure Centre and education facilities, and because it has sufficient land for parking.

- **What are the options for the design?**

We have provided some artist impressions of what the new facility may look like. These are suggested concepts and may not portray exactly what is developed as there is a detailed design stage to go through and designs may change. For example the colours may change for the building to make it look more like a sports facility.

However the proposals that we have developed are as follows:

- Full sized floodlit outdoor AstroTurf pitch, designed for football but also suitable for other sporting activities such as general athletics training
- Indoor multi-use games area to enable sports including in-line hockey, five-a-side football, netball, tennis, badminton and basketball
- Potential for cricket, archery, small bore shooting, lawn bowls and golf to make use of the facility
- If funding is available then a shooting range, external running track and indoor demountable spectator facility may also be considered.

Initial feedback has shown there is particular demand for indoor facilities at this time to bring some sports inside during the winter and to enable training to take place for sporting competitions to take place all year round.

- **How can I get involved?**

We want to know what people think about these plans and what their main priorities for the new facility would be. We particularly would like to know what other facilities the space could support, including those that are not directly sports-related.

You have from 18 February until 10 March 2019 to share your views with us, although there will be future opportunities to have your say as the project progresses.

It is vital that we understand how people within our community feel they would most benefit from this new facility and what matters the most in terms of this development.

To complete our online survey visit <http://www.fig.gov.fk/projects/sports-complex/consultation>, you can also email jbarker@sec.gov.fk or call 28426 for a paper copy.