

**Internal Committee 11<sup>th</sup> January 2021**  
**St. Michaels Spitfires**

We have received a request (attached) from the newly formed Under 9's Football Team 'St. Michaels Spitfires' regarding their new home ground which is St. Michaels Recreation Ground.

In December 2020, I responded to the initial request with further questions, for which I am awaiting the answers. In the meantime, here were my responses marked in red to the queries following consultation with our Site Manager.

1. Would it be possible for us to place a small storage container on site to store our pitch line marker? We will of course arrange insure and take full responsibility for it. **Please could you let me know the size of the container you might need as we would need to decide where would be appropriate if approved.**
2. Is it possible for us to burn the pitch lines in, as is done at other playing grounds such as the Jubilee fields in High Halden. This would save us around 3-4 hours of measuring and marking out the pitch each week before the lines can be painted. It would also greatly aid our training sessions when the light allows us to return to the field in the summer. **Our Maintenance Team are against this as it not only ruins the grass, but it creates cracks in the soil which causes other issues. That is, I believe, why we certainly don't allow it in Tenterden.**
3. When the maintenance work has finished would it be possible for us to have a key for the toilets (if these are not open as standard) so that our players and spectators are able to use them? **We can look into maybe issuing a radar key for the disabled toilet for you? Would that be OK? Otherwise it would be 20p to use the other toilets.**
4. Is it possible for the Team coaches to park in the gated area to ease the transporting of the goals, footballs etc? **One of the main features of our new facility is security. We do not feel comfortable issuing keys so that people can park on the tarmacked area. It is not only a key to the gate, but also the drop-down bollards. Could one coach park on the slope off the road, but not block the footpath?**
5. Is there any access to water other than in the toilets and if so is it possible to use this for our line marker please? **There is currently no external water supply, but we could look at installing a lockable tap in the disabled toilet that they could use?**
6. When we are no longer in tier 3 we hope to be able to sell hot drinks and pre-packed snacks such as crisps and chocolate bars on match days in order to raise some funds for the club, are there any objections to this at all? We will of course provide bins & carry out a litter pick at the end of each match to ensure no rubbish is left behind. **I did not answer this one but cannot see an issue with this.**

With regard to vehicle access onto the tarmacked area, it is worth noting that we do not offer this facility to the football teams on the Tenterden Recreation Ground Football Pitch.

**Proposal: To consider (i) allowing the installation of a storage container on site if an appropriate site can be found; (ii) issuing a radar key to the football coaches; (iii) installing a lockable water tap within the disabled toilet.**

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Impact on Crime and Disorder : None

Impact on Bio-diversity : None

Budgetary Impact : low