

**BUFC Supporters Community Stadium Consultation Workshop
27th November 2013**

Questions and Answers

Question/Comment	Answer/Comment
Public Announcer position needs to be near the press office.	Agree - plan to be amended.
Where is gantry for TV coverage?	To be incorporated.
How high approximately are the flood lights?	25 metres.
Is there more than one disabled area?	Yes - 4 areas (incl. one at high level).
Is there any possibility of underground (under pitch) heating?	No, due to cost constraints.
Will there be food/bar facilities in the ground?	Yes in all 4 areas, located in concourse areas.
How many first aid facilities in the ground?	Two - one for fans/one for players.
Where is the opposition coach parking and opposition position?	Away fans will be housed in the south stand and part of the west stand (seating). Although the car park layout is still being finalised, the coaches are likely to be parked behind the south stand, enabling good crowd control both before & after games/events.
Groundsmen facilities?	Incorporated into each end of the west stand. Further stand-alone facilities may be installed if required.
What is the location of electric pylons, how close to all weather pitch?	The pylons and overhead lines are located a significant distance away and will not cause any issues. There are no national minimum recommended separation distances.
Is there only one vehicle exit/access and does this relate to emergency vehicles also?	There will be one access point to the stadium off the new roundabout on the A16. This road will incorporate a ghost island for vehicles turning into the commercial sites either side of the access road. The road will widen where it meets the roundabout, enabling traffic to turn north & south at the same time. There will also be a dedicated emergency access road to the site.

<p>Will there be buses from the town centre?</p>	<p>A decision will be made when all the traffic modelling work is complete, and a comprehensive traffic plan is prepared.</p>
<p>Will there be TVs in the concourses?</p>	<p>Subject to available funding, we hope to include screens in all concourses, and would ideally like to screen the game live.</p>
<p>Pitch Equipment</p>	<p>Two areas for storage of pitch equipment are included at either end of the main stand, with both being enlarged following the consultation process.</p>
<p>Is there a Family Stand?</p>	<p>There is no “specific” family stand, however we would look to designate an area of the main stand for families. Similarly we would look to allocate an area of external space as a “Family Park” on a matchday where we would hopefully have the inflatable pitch/speed shot/refreshments etc.</p>
<p>Booking car park, priority parking for season ticket holders in the car park.</p>	<p>Pre-booked and “priority” parking spaces will be available.</p>
<p>Hospitality – how will it work ie season or match by match?</p>	<p>Although our plans are not fully developed for the hospitality areas, it is likely that two (or three) of the hospitality boxes may be available for season long leases, with one (or two) being available for hire on a match by match basis. We would look to develop a “Club” membership, which would give access to the function suite on a matchday, and reserved seating in the main stand.</p>
<p>Will there be cycle racks?</p>	<p>Yes.</p>
<p>Are there facilities for the deaf and blind?</p>	<p>Yes, these will be developed.</p>
<p>Digital score boards?</p>	<p>Possibly, dependant on cost/sponsorship.</p>
<p>Acoustics (pitch announcer)</p>	<p>The clarity of the PA system is not only important for the matchday experience, but also for safety. The quality of the installation will be a priority for us, and will be professionally designed.</p>

<p>Coloured seats depicting the name of BUFC</p>	<p>Our thoughts at present are just to use black and amber seats, however we may consult further with fans on this before making a final decision.</p>
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<p>Access off A16 - slip roads/lane for possible queues.</p>	<p>The roundabout and slip roads will be designed to meet the expected traffic flows. The control point into the stadium on a matchday will be located to ensure that queuing traffic does not become an issue on either the A16 or cause issues with access to the two commercial sites adjacent to the proposed stadium.</p>
<p>With only one exit at the end of the match, how can traffic be alleviated?</p>	<p>As with all stadia, there will be some delays in leaving at the end of a match. This will be managed by a phased release of cars from the parking areas. The road leading from the stadium onto the new roundabout is likely to be two lanes at that point, which will allow for vehicles to exit north/south in separate lanes.</p>
<p>Pedestrian access from residential areas - pedestrian crossing/traffic lights as some point.</p>	<p>A pedestrian crossing will be incorporated within Q1 to enable safe crossing of the new distributor road. At present a toucan crossing is planned immediately north of the new roundabout on the A16 to facilitate a safe link between the community stadium site and the residential/commercial development to the rear of the A16.</p>
<p>Area between the stadium and A46 - is this Chestnut Homes' land and if so, what is its intended use?</p>	<p>Despite extensive enquiries, we have been unable to establish the ownership of the "triangular" shaped piece of land between the A16 and the community stadium site. We will include the land on the planning application, and look to secure a legal position on the land.</p>

<p>“Town End” - higher roof and terracing?</p>	<p>We have now amended the plans to include a slightly larger north stand, which would be designated for home fans. This will give a suitable new home for the “Townenders” and help create a good atmosphere. This change will also make the ground slightly less “uniform”, which will add character, whilst making the home fans feel “special”.</p>
<p>Control Room/PA - nearer to halfway line (switch with community offices?)</p>	<p>This has now been incorporated in the design.</p>
<p>Seating in concourse with shelving for food and drink?</p>	<p>We plan to install some bench seating or flip up seats, together with shelving for drinks in all concourse areas.</p>
<p>Iconic floodlighting, not as in artist’s impression!</p>	<p>The architects are working on the design in association with the lighting designers. We agree that this is an important part of the overall design, however this is a challenge as there are only a small number of actual lights required on each lighting pylon.</p>
<p>How will water storage/cost be resolved?</p>	<p>We are planning to install rainwater harvesting for the stadium, together with a rainwater storage system for pitch watering.</p>
<p>Where are the dug outs located?</p>	<p>At present it is planned for players and the management team to sit in the lower tier of the stand. We will decide nearer the time whether to actually install dugouts; it is likely we will be led by the management team at the time as to their preference.</p>
<p>Renewable Energy?</p>	<p>This will be explored, and a cost/benefit analysis carried out.</p>
<p>How will you solve segregation?</p>	<p>The stadium is designed in accordance with the requirements of the “Guide to Safety at Sports Grounds”, and Football League requirements. There will be separation gates fitted to all corners of the ground, and “seat sheeting” will be used if segregation is required in the seated area.</p>

<p>Can some seats be located behind the goals?</p>	<p>It is not advisable to mix seated and standing areas in new stadia. All seating will be in the main stand.</p>
<p>How much leg room is being allowed for?</p>	<p>The tread depths of the seated areas will be around 760mm (the same as Chesterfield FC). This depth has proven to be comfortable for supporters, whilst also giving cost effective stand construction with good views of the playing surface.</p>
<p>Area for filming for both the club internally and TV?</p>	<p>A TV/Video gantry will be incorporated, and the architects are working on the detail at present.</p>
<p>Male toilet facilities?</p>	<p>Extensive male and female WC facilities will be incorporated, which also have easy access/egress.</p>
<p>Clock?</p>	<p>A clock has not been planned, but may be incorporated subject to finances/ sponsorship. A digital clock could be incorporated in a scoreboard, if fitted.</p>
<p>Low stands surrounded by car parks?</p>	<p>Inevitable when a ground of 5000 capacity is required to have 2000 seats, the remaining three stands will not be large. We have taken on board comments and enlarged the north stand (as a “replacement” for the Town End). Extensive car parking will be required, and traffic management will be important on matchdays to ensure pedestrian movements are managed when vehicle movements are being made.</p>
<p>East side looks exposed to easterly wind.</p>	<p>The stadium position is slightly constrained by the size and shape of the site, however it is very well optimised for sunlight etc. The area at the rear of the stand that may appear “open” on the current images, but they will actually be filled with a translucent material, which will let in light but will also provide protection from the wind.</p>

<p>Time scale?</p>	<p>As stated at the outset, even if planning permission is granted, funding and finance still needs to be secured. Many of the funding streams cannot be applied for until planning permission is granted. The lease expires on the Jakemans Stadium in January 2018, we therefore really need to commence construction in 2015, however the timescales will be driven by the availability of funding.</p>
<p>Will there be any bedrooms for Academy players?</p>	<p>None planned at present (due to cost).</p>
<p>Where is the power mains room located?</p>	<p>The power mains will be located in the plant room.</p>
<p>Will the noise from the ground floor bar/community hub, and the Banqueting Suite impede on each other?</p>	<p>There will be a concrete separating floor, and possibly an acoustic ceiling in the lower bar/community hub. The intentions will be to hold functions in both areas at the same time to maximise use of the facility, as well as increase income.</p>
<p>Any plans for a 4G main pitch?</p>	<p>At present the main pitch will be grass. Artificial pitches cannot be used for later rounds of FA Cup matches, therefore it is not possible to install one as the main playing surface. The Football Conference clubs also voted against their use recently, however the situation will be monitored as we move forward.</p>