



# HASLEMERE TOWN COUNCIL

## Lion Green football pitch surface

Following the Amenities meeting on 7 April, site visits were arranged to view type 3 polymeric and artificial grass surfaces.

We also contacted Jake Kennett who runs JK Coaching & Football Academy and asked him to seek the views of the children who use the goals. The demographic he teaches are 6–11-year olds. They were asked the following questions about the area:

- 1) Should the Council leave it as it is
- 2) Install a rubberised surface
- 3) Install an artificial grass surface

There was overwhelming support for the artificial grass option.

### **Artificial grass Site visit – Shottermill Infant School, Haslemere**

Pros	The users support this option More lifelike and aesthetically pleasing Cheaper option Slower playing surface
Cons	Regular ongoing maintenance to brush the pile and remove leaves and other debris which will otherwise build up and affect drainage* <sup>1</sup>
Repair	As it is laid in 4m wide strips repairs can be carried out in sections
Cost	In region of £31,413
Funding	s106 funds of £26,000, balance through the budget

### **Type 3 Polymeric surface - Site Visit – Muntham House School, Barns Green**

Pros	No regular ongoing maintenance cost Could be used for other sports
Cons	Costly Children don't support it Faster playing surface near a road
Repair	If the textured coloured coating wears away it can be resprayed. Agent felt it highly unlikely that Wetpour below the coating would be damaged. Has laid 50-60 and not had any cause to repair.
Cost	In region of £38,000
Funding	s106 funds of £26,000, balance through CIL/budget

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<sup>1</sup> Consider adding this maintenance to either LG1 or GMG2 grounds contracts



APPENDIX 2

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**Recommendation:** Subject to approval by Full Council in July 2022 three quotes to be obtained to install an artificial grass surface between the goals on Lion Green. Funding to be reviewed once the outcome of s106 application is known.