

Lion Green Football surface

VitaPlay is nearly finished at the site. They will be tracking the bund to compact it, making the ground around it good and then re-seeding. However, they are not sure how long it will take for the seed to take and for the grass grow in the current weather.

Orange barrier fencing will be left around the bund but the surrounding area is still very muddy. If the football area is re-opened immediately mud will transfer onto the new surface.

We feel the whole area should be fenced off to give the ground a chance to rejuvenate before it is opened up for use. VitaPlay has suggested we take over the hire of the existing HERAS fencing, but we are still waiting on a quote from their contractors. To hire the same number of HERAS fencing panels from Jewsons (from now until the end of March) is in the region of £4,400.

An alternative barrier fencing (such as below) with fencing pins is significantly less and is capable of being reused.



Fencing	Cost
HERAS fencing hire (32 panels)	£4,400
Barrier fencing (1m high) x 150m plus	£60
Barrier fencing pins (1.25m high) at 3m spacing	£100

In addition to this, it has been suggested by VitaPlay that turf is laid around the surface, in place of seed, which they say will establish more quickly enabling us to open up the football area more quickly.

We are currently waiting for Commercial Grounds Care to give us their professional opinion, and/or a quote, which we will have to hand in time for the meeting.

Turf (Supply & install)	Cost
VitaPlay 130sqm	£1,950
Commercial Grounds Care	

Recommendation: Barrier fencing be installed to allow the ground to rejuvenate and, should CGC recommend the laying of turf, the Clerk and Chair of Amenities have delegated authority to proceed.