



NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

AREA COMMITTEE DEVELOPMENT GRANT APPROVAL FORM

1. Committee: **Southern Rural Committee**

2. Date: **7 Feb 2013**

3. Summary of application: **Feasibility Plan re New Venue & Clubhouse**

Name of organisation: **Knebworth Park Cricket Club**

Sum requested: **£5,000**

Total project cost: **£22,000**

Brief details:

Knebworth Park Cricket Club is required to move from its current location to enable Knebworth House to expand its planned commercial activities. Replacement land has been made available which will enable the club to provide the amenities and playing facilities which are difficult to provide in its current location.

KPCC was formed in 1871 and is located to at the front of Knebworth House with access from Old Knebworth Lane. The Cricket Club has been there since 1920. The membership is currently in the region of 300 with 200 of those being Juniors under the age of 17. The Club runs 6 Saturday Senior Teams, 2 Sunday teams and 13 Junior Teams. Two of these Junior teams are for Girls. KPCC is very highly regarded within Hertfordshire and beyond where our Junior sides have a very good reputation. In the 2012 season, KPCC had 30 juniors (18 boys and 12 girls) playing representative cricket for Hertfordshire.

Matched / linked funding: **£0**

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or DRR

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Comments from Development Officer:

The current situation means that the Cricket Club does not have any option but to move. The alternative site being provided by Knebworth House is suitable for the Club's current and future requirements, but will require considerable groundwork and a the construction of a new clubhouse to complete the overall provision and to ensure stability and future sporting development. Architects have been employed and a full ground survey has been completed. The Club has already expended £8,000 from its small reserves and is seeking financial assistance to achieve an additional £14,000 to complete the feasibility plan stage of the process. The following steps would then involve applications to external funding agencies for the development phases of the project. Community Development Officers have been advising the Club with regards to funding streams for the initial stages of the project and will endeavour to assist in identifying and securing appropriate funding for the development stages.

Amount recommended: **£1,500**

4. Comments from Ward Members:

I support / do not support this application

Name:

Signed:

Date:

I support / do not support this application

Name:

Signed:

Date: