



NORTH HERTFORDSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

GRANT APPROVAL FORM

1. Committee: **Southern Rural Area Committee**2. Date: **3rd Dec 2015**3. Summary of application: **Installation of floodlights and the construction of a new spectator stand**Name of organisation: **Codicote Football Club**Sum requested: **£5,000**Total project cost: **£100,000**

Brief details:

In December 2014 the Club received full planning permission for floodlights and a new purpose built supporters stand to replace the existing breeze block stand currently at the Bury Lane site in order to meet FA grading regulations. This project means the Club needs to raise an estimated £30,000 of the £100,000 project costs to support the progression of all Clubs that use John Clements Memorial Ground whilst giving the senior sides the long term financial security to enable them to climb the Football Pyramid

The new facilities will give the expanding Youth section a focal point in their progression while enabling both senior and youth sections to work closer together and make greater use of the facility regarding training and coaching sessions. The youth sides at Codicote range from U6 to U17 supplying Football for over 100 plus boys and girls in and around the Codicote area. The new facilities will enable the youth section to save thousands of pounds on the hire of venues to train through the winter months and stop unnecessary travel by parents to other facilities across the county and putting life back into the community.

Matched / linked funding: **£70,000**Funders: **Football Foundation**Matched /linked funding: **£ tba**Funder: **Sport England, Lafarge & Others**

Comments from Development Officer:

The introduction of Floodlit Football will not only enhance the clubs reputation but give a pre-defined path into senior football for those older boys or girls to enter the higher standards of floodlit mid-week Youth Football.

The Football Foundation has stated it would fund up to 70% of the overall project costs if the club can find the required balance. The Club is therefore seeking external funding via Sport England, Lafarge and any other sources available.

With this in mind the Club is asking Members' of the Committee to consider a grant contribution from the Committee's main budget in the region of £5,000 to help the club meet the £30,000 required.

The Community Development Officer has examined this application against the Authority's Area Grants Policy, the organisation's accounts and grant history, and considers it an eligible application.

Amount recommended: **£1,500**

4. Comments from Ward Members:

I support / do not support this application

Name:

Signed:

Date:

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Name:

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Date: