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Dear Nicholas

PADDINGTON RECREATION GROUND – Programme following the Installation of floodlighting

Thank you for coming to the meeting on 4th December to discuss the Hockey Clubs input in to the proposals for the programming of the new floodlit water-based pitch. It is positive to be in the position of planning the period from January to April to act as a guide to determining the best mix of bookings for the future year ahead.

I am pleased to be able to confirm that the contract for the construction work is nearing completion with testing from 23rd December 2001 ready for bookings from early January 2002. We shall be working with Cannons to ensure all users are informed in advance about the proposed booking during the trial period. I am seeing Cannons on 20th December to agree the final information to go out to customers.

Following our discussion I would recommend that the Tuesday evening is booked by the Hampstead and Westminster Hockey Club as the clubs second mid-week evening and that the club considers an input in to the Thursday evening active sports programme as part of a longer term development of youth hockey. The Wednesday night existing booking is a simple transfer from the sand-based pitch to the water-based pitch.

I would ask the Hockey Club to look carefully at its booking times, especially at weekends, with an aim to release some time for community use. For example we looked at the water-based pitch on Sundays prior to 12 noon now being available for other customers.

Do give me a call in the meantime if you have any other thoughts on the programming issues.

Yours sincerely

Colin Buttery
Head of Parks and Leisure