

Supporting Statement – Wath Brow RLFC, Cleator, CA23 3EW

Proposal: Full Planning Application for a training barn



Wath Brow Hornets RLFC

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1.1 This statement has been prepared on behalf of the applicant in support of a planning application for a training barn on land at Wath Brow Hornets RLFC, Wath Brow, Cleator.

1.2 Wath Brow Hornets Members

The Club has 250 social members and the Club Gym has 200 members. The Club Gym also runs multiple community classes for both members & non-members.

1.3 Active Rugby League plays who will use the proposed facility

Wath Brow Hornets have 2 Open Age Teams, U16's, U14's, U13's, U12's, U11's, U10's, U9's, U8's, U7's, U6's & a Girls Squad. Currently there are the following player numbers at the club:

Open Age - 60

U16's - 18

U14's - 10

U13's - 20

U12's - 16

U11's - 12

U10's - 15

U9's - 20

U8's - 16

U7's - 15

U6's - 31

Girls - 28

Therefore there are currently over 250 active at the club.

1.4 Club Training Schedule

Currently Seniors (Open Age) train from January to October, and Juniors are generally February/March - September. Winter/Spring months and adverse weather conditions would mean indoor training in the proposed facility. The facility also allows for specific skills training in all months, which is easier to set up inside, and will also ensure that the playing surface is improved by less use in adverse weather conditions. It should be noted that the facility would also be used extensively by the wider community for assorted fitness classes, patient recovery training as well as by other sporting clubs & local schools. Coaches of each age group would decide upon training indoor or outdoor but current club facilities cannot meet the demand of our thriving youth systems. A full facility timetable will be available to

maximise availability & this formed part of the successful bid for RFL Funding.

1.5 Number of users at any time

The facility will be used (as stated above) by the whole community & a business plan is available showing community class usage. Depending on what class & given the facilities size up to 25 in each class is perfectly feasible. We have researched & there is a large demand for gym/PT classes especially for ladies and the elderly & we fully intend to use the facility for this community usage, in addition to the Rugby Club use. The Club's own current classes are oversubscribed and as such they feel the need to support greater community usage.

Full youth teams (up to 30 depending on ages) will be able to train in the facility thus improving well-being, physical activity in the young people of Cleator Moor & surrounding areas.