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NEW TRAINING PLAN FOR TRANMERE ROVERS FC

Two planning applications have been submitted on behalf of Tranmere Rovers Football Club, both designed to facilitate the relocation of the Club's training facilities and enhance the Ingleborough Road area of the Wirral.

Tranmere Rovers FC appointed specialist consultancy, HOW Planning to advise on the planning process and prepare the planning statement, and architects Paddock Johnson Partnership, have designed both aspects of the new scheme.

The first application seeks to secure a development of up to 90 new family homes on the Club's existing training ground which is located in what is predominantly a residential area, currently suffering from parking problems created by the training ground.

A second application promotes the relocation of all training facilities to Woodchurch Leisure Centre on Carr Bridge Road. As part of the project the existing Leisure Centre will be refurbished, enhancing the facilities for the local community. In addition to the club's training pitches the application outlines plans for community football and hockey pitches.

Says Carol Clarke, Planner at HOW Planning: "We are delighted to be working with Tranmere Rovers FC and Paddock Johnson Partnership; the submission of these planning applications marks the first phase of a comprehensive scheme to secure the longevity of Tranmere Rovers' future.

"The Club is keen to see sport play an integral role in the community and the club has consulted extensively with Sport England and numerous footballing bodies along with the Woodchurch community to ensure their aspirations are represented. We look forward to seeing these applications progress and a successful resolution on both."

Mike Paddock of Paddock Johnson Partnership adds: "The redevelopment of the training ground for residential development will allow capital investment into Tranmere Rovers and will provide replacement facilities of a much higher standard contributing to more open and accessible football facilities within Wirral as a whole, the new facilities have been designed to allow this to be achieved."

Tranmere Rovers has worked very closely with the Tranmere Hall Estate Residents' Association who have shown initial support for the redevelopment of the training ground.

The football club's stadium will remain in its current location.