Welcome to our exhibition about our plans for a temporary scheme at the Rec. We wish to improve existing facilities and increase capacity in time for the start of the 2016 season.
Charity Commission publishes its final Scheme for the Rec: effectively a set of guidelines for how the Rec Ground Trust should operate the site, including the provision of additional land to Bath Rugby for redevelopment. This follows several years of review and public consultation regarding the site.

**JANUARY 2013**
- Appeal lodged against the Scheme by a small number of local residents.
- Bath Rugby consult on proposals for permanent development.

**JANUARY 2014**
- The Rec Ground Trust “counter appeal” the decision of the First-Tier Tribunal by way of an appeal to the Upper-Tier Tribunal.
- Appeal heard by First-Tier Tribunal which decides to amend the Scheme. The amended Scheme substantially limits the powers of the Rec Ground Trust and the Club is unable to use additional land for redevelopment.

**JANUARY 2015**
- Upper-Tier Tribunal upholds the appeal of the Rec Ground Trust and determines its powers should not have been limited. Opportunity to provide Bath Rugby with additional land for redevelopment.
- Bath Rugby presents proposals for 4 year temporary stands.
- Rec Ground Trust engaging with all stakeholders to ratify appeal by way of a further amended Scheme.
The proposals will retain the current configuration of both the North and South Stands, as well as the seasonal East Stand. The proposals will continue within the same overall site footprint as currently.

The proposals will make use of the tarmac strip in front of the current West Stand for seating, effectively moving that circulation space to a concourse underneath the proposed new West Stand.
PROPOSALS

WHY A TEMPORARY PROPOSAL?

Due to delays relating to the Scheme (effectively a set of guidelines) which governs the use of the Rec, the Club has been unable to progress plans for a permanent redevelopment. As an interim solution we are now submitting an application for a 4 year temporary consent to continue with the existing configurations of the North and South Stands, as well as the seasonal East Stand. In addition, we are applying for an enhanced West Stand which will provide improved facilities for spectators.

We remain committed to a permanent solution for redevelopment at the Rec. Whilst we are focussed on achieving this in less than 4 years, the new consent will provide a significant period to focus the attention of all stakeholders on the permanent solution for redevelopment.

EXISTING WEST STAND (VIEW FROM PARADE GARDENS)

PROPOSED WEST STAND (VIEW FROM PARADE GARDENS)
The current West Stand, built in 1954, is in extremely poor condition and is reaching the end of its natural life.

The existing back wall of the West Stand will be retained, whilst the existing seats will be replaced with a temporary structure and concourse underneath. This will remain in situ during the period of the consent. The new temporary West Stand will provide a better experience for spectators including improved sight lines, more leg room and enhanced toilet facilities. The overall capacity will be increased to c. 14,500 from the current level of c. 13,500.
The Bath Recreation Ground Trust – owner of BathRec – is proud to have responsibility for managing and enhancing this iconic space and the opportunity to deliver an agreed vision:

‘recreation opportunities for all in the heart of Bath’

**OUR PLAN**

Increase opportunities for all to participate in sport and community events

Recognise the special and iconic character of BathRec

Put in place the resources to enhance facilities and infrastructure

Strengthen the relationship with all stakeholders including our key tenants (Bath Rugby, Bath Leisure Centre and Bath Croquet Club)

Develop a varied events programme to build on successes such as the Half Marathon, Bike Bath, Rotary Fireworks, Lacrosse Invitational Tournament and the O2 Touch

**KEY RECENT DEVELOPMENTS**

In April 2015, The Trust was declared a standalone charity fully independent of Bath and North East Somerset Council. In September 2015, the Charity Tribunal allowed the Trust’s appeal, clarifying their charitable purpose by judging that BathRec is ‘to be used as a recreation ground for the public at large’ and may be ‘managed by the Trustees in a manner that will further this charitable objective’.
• Founded in 1865 as Bath Football Club, Bath Rugby is one of the oldest clubs in world rugby.
• The first Bath Rugby match was played at the Rec ground in 1894.
• In 1995, Bath Rugby was granted a 75 year lease to play at the Rec.
• The club has now been playing at The Rec for 120 years and has witnessed some of the Club’s greatest triumphs as well as becoming one of the most iconic grounds in world rugby seen by millions each year.
Bath Rugby Foundation is a charitable Foundation with a distinctive mission: to reach people at key times in their lives and intervene to make a positive impact.

Bath Rugby Foundation is Bath Rugby’s charity. We make a real difference in the community, through the community.

The Foundation aims to help people tackle difficult challenges such as unemployment, bereavement or social isolation and works with people who are among the most vulnerable in our local area.

Through our award-winning Education and Inclusion programmes, Bath Rugby Foundation impacts positively on the educational achievement, health and social interaction of the young people they work with. We strive to motivate, raise self esteem, increase confidence and improve life skills, by imparting the values found in rugby - camaraderie, loyalty, discipline and respect.

The Bath Rugby Foundation, together with the Club’s Community Team, delivers approximately £0.5million per annum of programmes throughout Bath and North East Somerset and the surrounding areas. It is intended to double this investment to at least £1million per annum over the next 3 to 5 years, providing a significant positive impact to the local community.

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We are one of the City’s most visited attractions, bringing over 200,000 spectators into the City each season. This excludes the wives, husbands, friends and other relatives who may accompany spectators but not watch the rugby.

It is estimated that the proposed capacity of c. 14,500 will generate approximately £34m of revenue annually for the City, primarily in terms of spend in restaurants, shops and hotels from these visitors. We support nearly 300 FTE jobs in the City through our activity.

At previous public consultations regarding potential stadium development, 95% of respondents agreed that Bath Rugby has a significant positive impact on the City’s economy.

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Thank you for visiting our exhibition today.

It is our hope that we will be in a position to submit a planning application to Bath and North East Somerset Council before the end of 2015. If approved, it will put us in a position to be able to commence work as soon as possible.