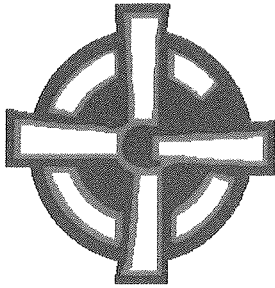


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Dear Leeds City Council,

REF - Sites 1232A (Cedar Ridge / Ridge Road) and 1232B (Peckfield), Garforth

We understand that proposals are currently being considered for the above sites at Sturton Grange North and Sturton Grange South.

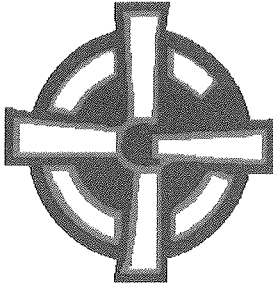
Garforth RUFC have recently been approached by a company representing the proposed developers of the land that we understand is designated 1232A. Whilst Garforth RUFC will not comment on the merits or otherwise of any house building in Garforth we are acutely aware of the lack of sporting facilities in the town.

As a club Garforth RUFC has been working for almost 25 years within the local community to find a suitable site for a club ground and facilities but have come across many obstacles during this time. As things stand the club is restricted in how much more it can grow, and without the necessary dedicated facilities the club remains limited in its ability to provide a suitable community based Rugby Union outlet.

As such we welcome any proposals for additional sporting facilities that would be provided as part of any future development within Garforth, provided, of course, that that they are delivered in a sustainable way. We believe that such facilities would be a must should any development go ahead, be that at the land designated 1232A or 1232B or anywhere else in the town. Ultimately, we believe that new community sports facilities can only be of long term benefit to the whole of Garforth and the surrounding area.

Garforth RUFC believes that provision of new rugby facilities would allow the club to grow within the community. The Garforth RUFC committee estimates we could see –

- A 5 fold increase in club membership with 3 years
- A 10 fold increase in club membership with 7 years
- Development of a junior section catering for Rugby Union activities for all ages from 7-17
- Closer ties with local schools to develop sporting and athletic activities in the Garforth area
- Club run school holiday activities
- Plus many more local and community based projects building on the Rugby World Cup legacy



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Our governing body, the RFU, regard the development of "grass-roots" rugby as a priority and accordingly we understand that any development of dedicated facilities for the sport would receive significant support and investment from them.

We would hope that you will include our club in any proposed developments and allow us, together with the RFU, to build a new home for our club and the local community,

Yours faithfully

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