

Artificial Turf Pitch (ATP) 3G:

The problems with grassroots football?

There are 21,000 grassroots clubs, 50 county FAs, 25,000 schools and 330 local authorities which are catered for by the FA and, along with the finding that only one in three grassroots pitches are of adequate quality, the FA's written evidence also highlights:

- 150,000 matches were called off last season due to poor facilities
- One in six matches are called off due to poor pitch quality
- 33 of 50 county FAs are without their own 3G pitch
- Cancelled matches account for the equivalent of 5,000,000 playing opportunities lost this year because of poor facilities

"The word for grassroots football is 'crisis,'" said Kenny Saunders, who runs pressure group Save Grassroots Football. "Government cuts to local councils are having a massive impact."

"Councils can't maintain pitches and more of them are selling them off."

Hatfield Town Council - For the season 2021/22 will have 40 teams playing across 5 senior pitches and 9 youth pitches. 4 teams are allocated to pitch 4 – where the 3G would potentially go.

We cannot cope with the use we have as it stands now.

Aim-

- To provide high quality, facilities for people in the local community to train, compete and participate in football activities. At affordable prices!
- To work with local clubs and community groups to develop a community hub for Sport in Hatfield
- To increase participation levels in sport for junior, women and girls, disabled people and adults as identified through club requirements.

ATP 3G-

Costing-

Construction- Using a Football Foundation Framework Company:

For approx. £800,000 Providing:

- Fifa approved 3G surface
- 200 seat stand
- Floodlights
- All equipment – Goals etc
- Fencing
- Maintenance equipment & storage
- 12 months’ maintenance contract included

Potential operating hours- Multi sport training evenings 17:00-22:00 Youth and Senior. Monday to Friday

Saturday & Sunday fixtures – Youth and Adult

Daytime – Academy, Sport camps, parties, coaching courses.

2 tier prices- on peak off peak

Potential Use- Football teams Rugby Training Netball Academies
Parties YMCA Potential Kids

Financing-

Using funds from the Hatfield Sports Fund to finance most of the costing. I have also been in touch with Herts FA, who have said, we have a strong case to apply for upto 50% of funding through the Football Foundation. If this is the case, any funding will save money from the Hatfield Sports Fund and allow us to spend this on additional options- Future proofing, Repurpose our current 3G- tennis, netball, hockey, changing room improvements

ATP 3G Hiring hours

For funding we would need the facility hired for at least 44 hours. On the current research and facts we have- the hours we can potentially hire is 62 hours.

ATP 3G potential Income and expenditure

	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10
Income	106670	108803	110978	113200	115461	117772	120125	122530	124980	127481
Expenditure	41020	44340	46726	46130.2	47053.6	61586.22	48954	49858	52540.3	51873.83