



SPRING 2023 UPDATE

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# MASTERPLAN 2024 UPDATE

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The two new Edel water-based pitches have been operational for the 2022/23 season. The playing surfaces have received praise from players and SHC now boasts two international standard pitches which can be used for Premier League and international competition. The surfaces have held up very well in the recent frosty weather with only extreme low temperatures rendering them unplayable.

The new LED floodlights on Pitch 1 have helped to keep electricity consumption costs down this season which has been very welcome given the current environment. We hope to be able to upgrade Pitch 2 in the future.

Perhaps the biggest change to the site is the construction of Pitch 3. This half-sized training pitch, using the repurposed sand dressed carpet that was lifted during the upgrades

to Pitch 2, is proving immensely beneficial. Wednesday nights see it being used for dedicated goalie training, and when not being used as a warm up pitch, it is proving useful in accommodating training sessions and small-sided games.

After a brief hiatus over the Christmas period, completion of the overflow car park and construction of the seating bank will resume in the coming weeks.

Plans are being finalised for the clubhouse refurbishment and will be made available to view soon.

It is no surprise that since the inception of these plans nearly two years ago, construction costs have almost doubled.

We are very grateful to Elmbridge Borough Council for awarding a

Community Infrastructure Levy grant, to Surrey County Playing Fields for a loan and to our individual donors (including past and current members) who have enabled us to raise approximately half the costs of the whole project.

We are still actively fundraising and need approximately £1 million to complete the full project.

Please donate now! There are various ways to make a contribution: use the new donation button on our website; donate by card in the clubhouse; send in a cheque or do a bank transfer. All methods support Gift Aid.

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