



## Thame Football Partnership

### Gaining Planning Permission for New Facilities

#### Background

As a result of financial difficulties, in 2005 Thame Football Partnership had to move away from its Windmill Road ground to share facilities with other local clubs outside of the town.

Sports Solutions GB was appointed to provide support in all areas of the project and club's development over two years, to ensure that the new facilities provided a suitable sporting home for the football club and local community in the town.

#### Strategy and Implementation

Sports Solutions GB produced a development plan which included the redevelopment of Thame United FC's former ground to provide vital capital funding, as well as other suitable grant and funding options, for this £3m development scheme.

The new community sports facility includes:

- > Main clubhouse with 200+ seat stand and changing rooms
- > Board room and additional function room facilities with a bar
- > Main football pitch
- > 3rd Generation Floodlit Artificial Grass Pitch
- > Three full size grass pitches and three junior pitches

#### Outcome

During 2008, Sports Solutions GB submitted a successful planning application to South Oxfordshire District Council for Thame Football Club, which helped the Community Football Club realise its ambition to provide much needed new sport and recreation facilities for the local community.

## Wootton Bassett Sports Association

### Achieving Planning Permission for Community Facilities

#### Background

With facilities that were over seventy years old, the Wootton Bassett Sports Association's amenities were no longer suitable for the needs of its clubs. The successful and continual expansion of the Sports Association means that its seven acre site was too small for the thirty teams and those of the local community.

Sports Solutions GB was appointed to work with the Sports Association to develop an appropriate strategy to provide new facilities for the clubs and the local community.

#### Strategy and Implementation

The team worked closely with the planning team to develop a viable and deliverable community sports project. Long-term sustainability was an important part of the project, as well as the provision of much needed housing, including some affordable housing.

The new community sports facility includes:

- > Five football pitches
- > 3rd Generation Floodlit Artificial Grass Pitch
- > Eight floodlit tennis courts
- > Two cricket squares
- > Meeting rooms and recreational areas

Sports Solutions GB was responsible for planning the scheme's design, producing business and sports development plans and securing support from the relevant National Governing Bodies of Sport.

#### Outcome

Planning permission was achieved from North Wiltshire District Council last year and the funds from the sale of the existing site together with grant aid secured by Sports Solutions GB, helped the Sports Association develop an eagerly anticipated £6 million, 26-acre facility on the outskirts of the town, offering clubs the resources to play on a single site with scope to grow and foster a single identity.