

The Grant awarded by the FA as a contribution towards the Costessey Centre Build has restrictions

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Subject: FW: The Football Foundation Annual M&E survey

Dear Ben

I just left a message on your mobile voicemail. Please can you call me/answer a query.

Town Cllrs are considering increasing pitch hire fees by 10% from season starting August 2018/19. Rates have been the same (frozen) since 2015/16. The fees (attached) see sheet 2 for summary include the use of the changing rooms. The fee for the annual two-day tournament is not increasing.

Our hire rates are very reasonable, but the costs associated with preparing and maintaining the pitches have of course increased. We employ the Grounds staff to undertake this work and cover 100% of the costs associated with seed, line marker, tractors, equipment etc.

The conditions state –

The Organisation shall at all times throughout the Project and the development of the Facilities and until the expiry of the Clawback Period:

5.3.1 ensure that, unless the Foundation has given its prior written consent, the fees and charges for use of the Project and the Facilities by members of the public do not increase beyond any increase in the Retail Price Index from the date on which the Application was approved by the board of the Foundation.

Our queries are –

- **5.3.1 does not specify RPI annually. (If there has been no increase for several years the cumulative will be around 10%) It**
- **The grant funded the Changing Rooms but these are included with the pitch hire fees. (Non-sports groups wishing to use them are charged £10 per use)**

As discussed we consider the increase reasonable.

Regards

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