

**Application reference: 26/00305/FUL**

### **Current users**

Ratby site already has a lot of multi sports usage.

### **Anstey Nomads football Club, current usage:**

- used on a weekly basis for both matches and training.
- We have in excess of 12 teams that use the site with ages that range from U7 - U12's these are both mixed and girls teams and include:
- U7 x 4 mixed teams for training
- U9 x 3 mixed teams hosting 7 aside games
- U10 x 3 mixed teams hosting 7 aside games
- U11 x 2 Girls teams hosting 9 aside games
- U12 x 4 1 Girls team and 3 mixed teams all hosting 9 aside games

In total the site has 7 pitches that are regularly utilised, these are all either 7 aside or 9 aside.

The total number of participants on site over a weekend is over 40 U7's for training on a Saturday morning and is in excess of 115 junior players on a Sunday, with Kick offs taking place at 9.30am, 10.30am, 12.30pm and 2pm.

It is important to highlight that we are very proud to have a large mixed section of teams (this is usually made up of boys) but also, we are equally proud to have a strong girl's section with teams from U9-U14 and with the success of the wildcats centre that is supported by the FA we hope to create a U8's wildcats team for the upcoming season

Currently our 2 x U11 and U12 girls teams are regulars at Ratby and with the growth of the women's game we hope to add to this.

Anstey Nomads are a diverse club with children of all back grounds and ethnicities in our teams that come from all over Leicestershire to play football.

### **Ratby town cricket club current usage:**

I am writing on behalf of Ratby Town Cricket Club to share an update on our growing club and to propose much-needed improvements to the facilities at our shared sports ground. Ratby Town CC has long been a key part of village life, and our membership continues to grow. We now have 51 senior players and a thriving junior section with 20 Under-15s, 18 Under-13s, 14 Under-11s, and 25 Under-10s. This wide age range reflects both the strength of cricket in Ratby and the inclusive, welcoming environment we work hard to provide for young people of all backgrounds and abilities.

However, this growth has also highlighted the limitations of the current site. At present, we have no dedicated pavilion or permanent structure. To continue supporting our players and the wider community properly, we require better facilities. This would include toilets, modern changing rooms, showers, and a kitchen for match days, as well as secure storage for equipment. It would provide a safe, practical, and professional base for everyone using the field, including school groups and visiting teams / spectators.

**Archery current usage:**

Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> April 2025

Dear Tony,

I write to you in my Capacity as Chairman of Burroughs Hill Bowmen, We are an Archery GB affiliated Archery club based at Ratby Sports ground, where we have been shooting, competing , and teaching people to enjoy the all inclusive sport of Archery for the last 10 years. During this time we have introduced for than 1000 local people to the sport

Firstly we would like to thank you for the improvements that you have been carrying out at the ground over the last couple of years,

The works of the grounds and pitches has made it far easier for our disabled and Youth archers to access the fascilities.

We would also like to thank you for providing a dedicated archery storage area and dedicated permanent range. At the fascility

We have been working with Archery GB the national sport governing body to have the pitches signed off as safe areas for archery and have received confirmation that Archery GB believe the ground is acceptable for Archery competitions upto 100 yards Range .Archery GB have confirmed out insurance policy covers us for this activity.

We currently have approximately 100 Members aged from 8 to 84 years old and are actively seeking to invite local villages to join our sport whether for Social enjoyment or competition ,we currently have county and Regional representatives, in Longbow, Olympic recurve, compound Bow target shooting.

We were keen to enquire as to if there are any plans to provide welfare facilities, for use by participants in sports at the venue, as the current lack of them discourages participation in sport by the older and disabled archers and potential archers we speak with. If there is anything we can do to assist in gaining permission for the continued enhancement of the sports ground we would be delighted to help in any way we can.

**School Current Usage:**

Wolfdale Independent Special school for children with SEN, living in Leicester City & the County currently use the sire for classroom education and also the sports fields for outdoor recreation and multi-sport P.E lessons.

Ratby Primary School currently use the facilities for their annual sports days.

### **Participation Growth:**

Anstey Nomads would like to apply for a full size 11 aside pitch.

All our member players would not only have somewhere all year round to train and play but would be able to continue their footballing journey as we often lose teams due to lack of training venues or 11 aside pitches.

The majority of our venues are in flood risk areas so this affects our growth. We would be able to keep players playing, as Ratby is local to Anstey.

Currently we have teams who play games as far away as Loughborough Grammar school due to lack of pitches .

Nomads would be able to offer football for all at all pathways both girls boys and seniors .

**Anstey nomads will potentially have 9 teams moving to U18's within the next 2/3 seasons. 3 mid-week floodlit teams have been formed and are all housed at Beaumont Park due to lack of facilities.**

**Our women's team continue to play at DMU due to a lack of facilities and the demands of pitch maintenance. We want our women's team to progress and play at the highest possible level. We need facilities which would support this development. If promoted the ladies would not be allowed promotion due to ground grading a DMU Beaumont park.**

**Anstey nomad women were formed to the club and played matches at different venues. Since 2021/22 season they have only played a total of 15 games at Cropston Road.**

**Anstey Nomad women created another team due to high demand of players. This team would play at Groby College. As a result of the lack of facilities, this team moved on to another club.**

**Anstey Nomads & Anstey Town football club formed a partnership in 2023/2024 to provide a pathway for out junior members. This team is housed at DMU Beaumont Park. The team have now become champions of step 7, and are likely to miss out on promotion due to ground grading.**

### **Ratby town cricket growth:**

This proposal comes at a critical time. With the recent closure of Kirby Muxloe Cricket Club's junior section, a number of local children and families have found themselves without a team or community. We are already seeing some of these young players join us, and we anticipate more will follow. We are proud to be able to give them a place to belong, but our facilities are under real strain. Enhancing the ground now will ensure we can welcome these players properly and continue to offer a positive sporting experience to every new member.

More broadly, Ratby Town Cricket Club is one of the cornerstones of community life in the village. On summer weekends, the ground becomes a place where friendships form, neighbours reconnect, and children are inspired by the game. It is a space that promotes well-being, physical activity, and social connection – all things that have never been more important. With improved facilities, we can host more events, provide better support to players and spectators, and strengthen the role of the club as a true community hub.

Conrad Logan goalkeeper academy based in the Hinckley and Bosworth area would look at using the facilities for weekly goalkeeper specific sessions as well as football camps during the half term. Due to limited facilities in the area it has not been possible to expand the business but this new facility would host circa 100 players plus parents per week.

### **Inclusivity:**

Anstey nomads have been unable to form a SEN inclusive team because we are unable to find additional training facilities for the players. Many players have been turned away, as we do not have the additional facilities to accommodate players with disabilities both on and off the pitch .

A 4G would help us launch this pathway and we have recently recruited coaches with SEN experience to deliver this.

Anstey Nomads would also like to deliver drop in sessions for hard to reach young people who are at risk of anti- social behaviour and hopefully engage with them and keep them off the streets whilst providing healthy activities that will help their wellbeing .

Ratby town cricket club .

One of our biggest aspirations is to launch girls' and women's cricket at Ratby. This is a key part of our vision for the future. Nationally, female participation in cricket is growing faster than ever, and we want Ratby to be part of that story. However, to offer girls and women a genuine opportunity to play and feel part of our club, we need appropriate facilities. A pavilion with proper changing areas and inclusive design will enable us to run dedicated girls' sessions, host mixed-age group teams, and welcome female players with dignity, safety, and respect. We have already had interest from local families about this, and believe it will open the door to a whole new generation of players.

We are equally committed to ensuring cricket is accessible for all, including those with disabilities or additional needs. Improved infrastructure will allow us to deliver coaching sessions that are adapted to suit a range of abilities. We want to offer a game for everyone, where no child or adult feels excluded – whether because of their gender, background, or personal challenges. Inclusion is at the heart of our future plans, and these improvements are essential to making that vision a reality.

### **Archery**

With improved accessible facilities, the archery club would be able to grow its membership to include older and disabled members.

**Community engagement:**

Ratby site is already embedded in the community with the multi sport users already accessing the site

The local primary school hold their sports day at the venue and would like to do more sports / events if the facilities were better .

We currently have a local dog club who use the site for a show each summer and all the cricket , archery and football club all hold community events throughout the year such as open days , bbq , fireworks, presentations.

With better facilities we would look to offer more community events and more schools usage.

**Multi sport outcomes:**

Wolfdale school is an independent specialist school for children with special educational needs .

They currently have 60 pupils from Leicestershire and several from surrounding counties such as Derbyshire, Northamptonshire, Coventry and Notts .

They would use the 4g not only for football but where possible multi sports during there physical education lessons on a school day .

We would look to offer multi sports during school holidays to cater for all young people.

Ratby primary would like to be able to do more multi sport games on the site.

Future plans for the site also include building Padel courts, crickets nets, archery range, outdoor gym, petang court and childrens play area for community use.