

Copthall Sports Hub & Mill Hill Open Spaces Master Plan Consultation **Feedback – Mill Hill Rugby Football Club**

Here are a few further points that Mill Hill Rugby Football Club would like taken into account:

- MILL HILL RFC two grass rugby pitches as per the plan: The whole area including the two playing pitches is poorly drained and parts of it unusable (both for rugby and casual users) during periods of sustained wet weather. This area and pitches need to be brought up to standard ASAP and made fully usable within the overall strategic plan.
- Copthall main entrance at Champions Way - our car park access. We would request that the original entrance to our car park (at the Page Street end adjacent to the new Greenspaces depot) be reinstated as an exit only facility on to the proposed roundabout for use during peak times. This would ease traffic movement considerably as cars would not back up in Champions Way trying to enter and exit via the current entrance. The current entrance on Champions Way would remain unaltered for every day use.
- A new 3g pitch for rugby will inevitably attract more supporters and occasional special event games- there should be some consideration for low level terracing or banking for spectators. This need not be obtrusive and would make the watching of the game by other site users much more accessible. There is also a clear RFU requirement for separation of spectators from playing areas due to health and safety requirements so a simple 'fencing in' of the area is insufficient.
- We believe the sports hub concept has merit but there is a considerable potential problem with operational match day overload - Saracens match days are already problematic for the existing clubs when inevitably fixture clashes occur.