

## **Meeting held with Marshall Athletics Club held on 6<sup>th</sup> December 2017**

**Present:** Lisa Emmanuel, Marshall Athletics Rep.

### **Introductions and background**

LE outlined the background to Neighbourhood Plans as a result of the Localism Act. LE further explained the process, aims and intentions along with SPC's role in the development of the plan.

### **Marshall Athletics**

MB explained that the land is owned by Stantonbury Campus, now under the Griffin Trust. As a club they have a 35 year lease to manage the stadium/track area. They have had a long involvement with MKC and the previous campus management, with plans to develop the site further.

To date they are aware the Trust is looking at the Leisure Centre and Theatre, having taken this on from the previous Trust set up by MKC. However, they have not had any further discussions regarding the future of the track.

LE updated MB on the plans for the International School shared at recent meetings with the Griffin Trust.

### **Club future plans**

MB outlined that they are desperate for indoor facilities, plans had been worked on to provide two structures, similar to the Dons at Woughton, on the site of the existing tennis courts.

This would provide an indoor track and field provision, being multi-purpose to accommodate multi-sport. The site was proposed as approximately 30m x 85m and of a height which would accommodate indoor pole vault. The campus could also use the site for an examination centre, freeing up their own halls during exam time.

At that time the project was estimated between £700k-£1million.

Previous agreements with the former Campus management and MKC, had worked up a bid about 3 years ago to Sport England, where all the funding would have been in place. However, the Campus pulled the plug at the last minute and the 'masterplan' was put on hold. The project had the support of UK athletics. Other sites had been looked at across MK for a suitable athletics stadium to accommodate uk competitive meets, but no suitable venues were found.

There are ongoing issues with parking, even on training nights, where users often park in the vets.

### **Neighbourhood Plan**

Discussion then focussed on opportunities for inclusion in the SNP which would support future infrastructure needs. This included:

- Protect existing car parking

- Site for indoor sports facilities
- Stand adjacent to track

LE agreed to share the new contact details for the Griffin Trust architects, and to share their plans with the Trust.