

**SHREWSBURY TOWN COUNCIL
RECREATION & LEISURE COMMITTEE
8th May 2024**

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RELOCATION OF ROYAL SHREWSBURY HOSPITAL HELIPAD

Purpose

To update Committee on the progress of work at Boiler House Pitch for use as a Temporary Helipad, further to the report given to committee on 17th January 2024 concerning the request by Shropshire NHS Trust to use Boiler House pitch as a temporary Helipad.

Proposal

Since this report, numerous emails have been exchanged and site meetings have been attended with the Trust contractors, carrying out the Future Fit Programme. They have requested permission to carry out the following work, to facilitate its use.

Warning Signs - to warn of the possibility of Helicopters landing, these are to be sighted on Town Council posts to reduce the cost.

Knee Height Rail – to be placed along the rear of the houses, Redwood Centre to the Playground. This is to keep a path open to the public, whilst the helicopter is on the ground.

Path – this to allow safe movement of patients from the helicopter to the ambulance. The path would be 1.5metres wide and 160mm deep. This would run from the stainless-steel barriers by the hospital boiler house to the centre of the football pitch.

When the helipad returns to the hospital grounds, all the signs, knee rail and path would be removed, and the football pitch reinstated to its original condition. The Town Council have requested that the above work and reinstatement work are added to the agreement between the NHS and Town Council. As these are only proposals from the hospital, we are still waiting for confirmation.

The hospital asked a month ago if they could use the pitch two days a week whilst cranes and large equipment is on site, this we agreed to.

We have started to discuss locations for the football teams that use Boiler House Pitch for next season. Once the club knows the number of teams they are going to run we can confirm where they are going to play.

RECOMMENDATIONS

- (i) That the contents of the report are noted.**