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## On behalf of Abbey Rangers Football Club

Dear Sirs,

We are Leaseholders of land which is owned by Surrey County Council, at Addlestone Moor in Chertsey.

We have had numerous meetings with Esso's contractors and agents, though as yet nothing has been agreed, no dates to commence, no planned direction of work, no indication of length of time on site, nor indeed a specific suggested method of how the works will be carried out.

Our model here is very simple, we operate a safe and organised platform to deliver football to a huge amount of people in our local community. Currently, we have over 450 people as playing members and an army of people attached to these players that give up valuable time to support the work we do. I am to say the least, extremely worried that these intended works will have catastrophic consequences to our day to day operations and of course, that may result in our delivery of a safe and structured football / sport work given to many local community members, being interrupted.

This current season, we have 36 teams competing. How this works is that as a club, we pay money (Usually about £150-00p) for each team to be affiliated to an organised league.

The leagues then publish the competition, teams are drawn to play home and away fixtures. Teams failing to fulfil fixtures are fined for failing to compete. If my grounds are shut, you can understand that this will have very probable heavy financial consequences to the club.

I would estimate that within a usual 40-week football season, this club would have over 49,000 people taking part in football activities. We are a Community Charter Standard Club, we have an active disability team that compete on a weekly basis. We are a deaf friendly football club. We are CASC registered and we run entirely with volunteers, we have no paid staff. We are non-profit making, i.e. any retained profits that we might make, we plough back into improving the facility for our members.

The uncertainty around these significant works are a real concern as they will affect at least half of our site (shown within the order of limits), which has 7 pitches of varying sizes from our FA approved first team pitch to smaller pitches used for our youth teams. In season (August – May), the site can be in use 7 days a week, with higher foot-fall at weekends for matches and social events. Without a clear understanding of the mitigation that can be offered, I anticipate that there would be a significant financial & social impact on our club.

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Sent on behalf of Mr Denis Healy Chairman Abbey Rangers Football Club



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