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Comments on revised strategy:

The proposal makes a preference to relocate the cricket club to St Rita's Extension (H1). This would certainly make it easier for the Senior Football Club.

We are currently second in the Devon & Exeter League Premier Division and are in the process of applying to the Peninsula League. This will be made in January 2017.

Our current ground should meet the requirements for the higher league, with minimal adjustments to the changing rooms and technical areas around the pitch.

We will be having another separate dugout as specified by that league.

The ground must meet their standards and that is why it would be difficult to move.

If we were promoted to the Premier Division Peninsula League then the changing rooms must be larger and at least planning permission for Flood lights etc.

Having the use of the ground for a longer period would certainly benefit the club as the league games go into late May and start in mid-August.

It would also be really useful to have use during the Summer as we start friendly matches in mid-July, which currently must be played away.

There would also be a great benefit to use the ground in the Summer for small tournaments.

Youth currently use it on one Sunday in July but would gain from having it over two days.

This is a major income for that club which would be greatly enhanced, because of the number of teams applying for that tournament.

Senior Football could also have a mini-tournament for 5-a-side teams.

With this in mind Football could use the club for much of the period May to August.

The ground could also host end of season finals, as this has been requested before by the D&E League.

Improving the drainage would ensure more games held on the 2nd pitch which would benefit Youth at the higher age groups as more games could be played there.

It is also very important to improve the drainage for the whole of that area.

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