



Hitchin Belles FC

The Home of Female Football in North Herts



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Hitchin Belles Secures New Home Ground

I am extremely proud and delighted to announce to you that after many years of searching for a venue that could be called our home ground, the club have finally been able to secure a site.

After discussions during the past few months with The Priory School, Hitchin (TPS), the club have now formally entered into a partnership agreement with TPS which will see the site become the new home ground of the club from September 2020. The club has also worked with the Football Foundation and Hertfordshire FA to secure grants for the project, which will provide funding towards pitch improvement works, new goals, FA respect barriers and signage.

Our players will be able to enjoy better quality grass pitches and with a planned 3G all-weather training pitch due to be ready in January 2021 at the venue, this will give access to vastly improved training facilities to our teams and allow the venue to become a hub for the whole club to train and play matches.

I truly believe that this is a watershed moment in the history of the club and will be the cornerstone, as North Hertfordshire's largest all-female football clubs, to provide first-class football facilities to female players in the area. The grants secured and partnership with the school, will allow us to offer all-female football to even more girls and women in the community and we will be working with the school to build our links with them and engage with staff and pupils to offer them opportunities in the sport. Female football is the fastest growing game in the UK and this new home ground at TPS will help the club to improve grassroots football in Hitchin and attract even more female players to come and participate in the nation's favourite game.

To provide you with an idea of what the site will look like with the new 3G and grass pitches, please look at the images on the next page of this announcement.

With this new facility, it will bring the foundations needed for the club to progress and develop and our long-term aim is to become not just the largest all-female football club in North Hertfordshire, but the largest all-female football club in the UK.

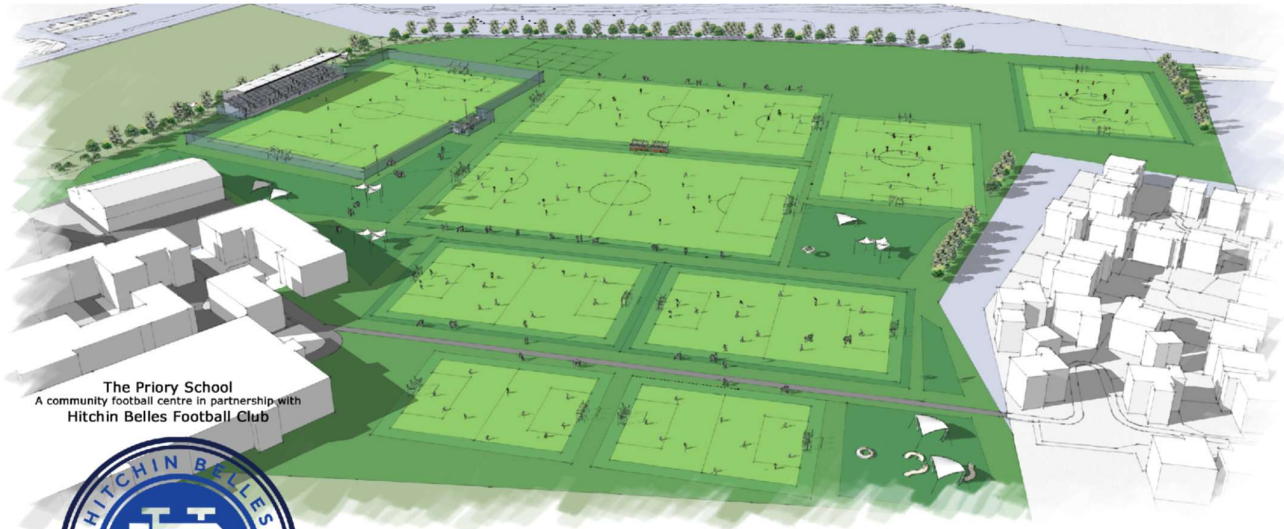
I know you will look forward to seeing the venue when it is ready for next season as much as I am and enjoy watching our growing number of teams playing and training in a home venue for the first time in our 21-year history.

Jason Slade
Club Secretary
Hitchin Belles FC



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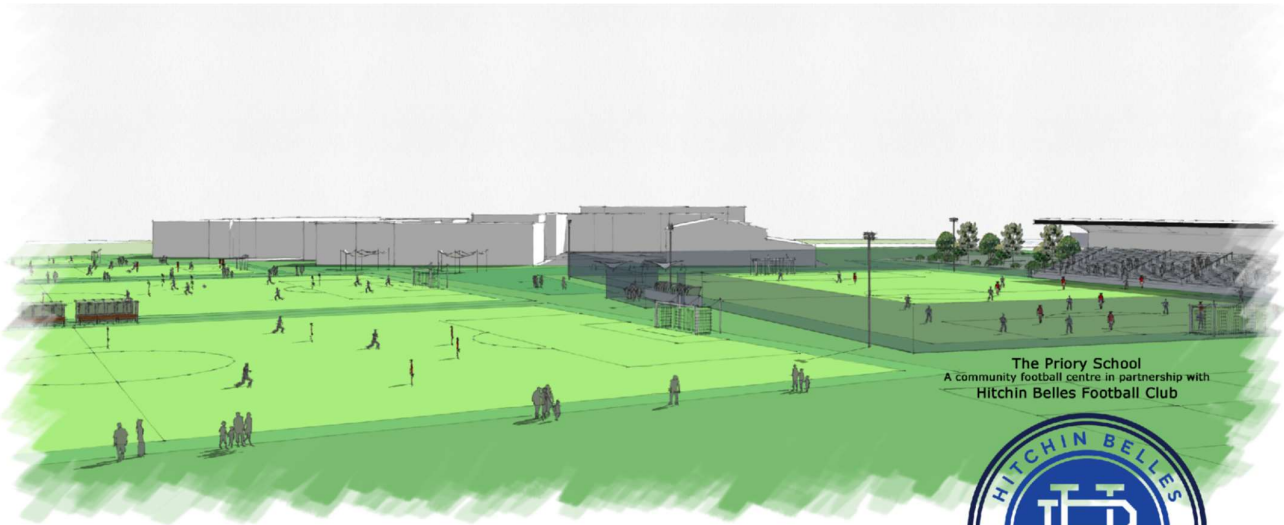
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