

## Extract from Environmental statement-02-Approach to EIA - Planning application 23/03558/EFUL

**Table 4.2: Existing v's Proposed Rugby Games**

	Existing Matches	Proposed Matches	Difference
First Team	16	18	+2
Shield	6	12	+6
Academy	1	4	+3
Open Training	3	6	+3
University	1	2	+1
Women's	0	12	+12
Minis	1	1	0
Schools	1	3	+2
Combination / County	1	3	+2
Other Matches	1	3	+2
<b>Total</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>+33</b>

**Table 4.3: Existing v's Proposed Events**

	Existing Events	Proposed Events	Difference
Theatre	0	2	+2
Music	2	8	+6
E-Sports	0	2	+2
Other Sport	0	4	+4
Other	1	4	+3
<b>Total</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>+17</b>

### **Operational Hours**

4.41 The Proposed Scheme will function as a multi-purpose sporting, leisure and cultural facility for use by a wide range of sports clubs, and other users for events. The operational hours associated with these uses are stated below.

#### ***Rugby Games***

4.43 The majority of rugby matches are held in the afternoon / early evening of weekends during the rugby season (September – May). Some matches, in particular cup-ties, are held during the week with kick-off time around 20:00, therefore, games usually finish by 22:00.

4.44 Hospitality lounges stay open for 90 minutes following the final whistle; those hours will apply to the new hospitality lounges.

#### ***Community, Conference and Banqueting***

4.45 The operational hours and the frequency of community, conference and banqueting events to be held by the Proposed Scheme cannot be defined at this stage due to a number of factors (i.e: the number of bookings, time of the season, pitch conditions etc). However, for the purpose of the EIA, the following has been assumed:

- Community events - Could take place any day on the playing surface (up to 7 days a week) from 08:00 – 23:00 depending on the type of event (e.g. schools or community/amateur tournaments).
- Conference and banqueting events - Could take place any day (up to 7 days a week) between 08:00 – 24:00 depending on the type of event (e.g. business events or weddings).

### **Events**

4.46 The operational hours for larger events (as stated in **Table 4.3**) is unknown and dependent on bookings made and the nature of the event. However, for the purpose of the EIA, it is assumed that these could take place on any day (7 days a week) between 08:00 and 23:00.

### **Retail**

4.47 Retail proposed would operate in normal hours (08:00 – 18:00) except on matchdays when they would be open in line with stadium opening hours.

4.48 It is anticipated that hospitality (proposed sky bar and restaurant in the top of West Stand) will be open in line with similar establishments in the city.

### **Parking Provision**

4.49 No additional parking spaces will be provided as part of the Proposed Scheme.

### **Transport Management**

Bath Rugby have a travel Plan in place which supports fan travel to and from the stadium on match days, with a focus on supporting sustainable travel choices. This will be updated as part of the Proposed Scheme. Key objectives of the strategy are:

- Travel Information – To ensure that staff and visitors travelling to, from and around the Rec are well-informed regarding their travel options, and are able to travel safely;
- Awareness Raising - To increase the awareness of members of staff and visitors of the potential for and advantages of travel to the Rec by sustainable transport modes;
- Management Initiatives – To encourage and enable members of staff and visitors to travel by non-car modes and in particular to offer alternatives to single-user car use;
- Match Day Transport Requirements - To map match-day transport needs to the changing infrastructure and capacity demands of Bath and surrounding areas, so that the match-day impact is limited;

### **Lighting Strategy**

4.55 The lighting design for the Proposed Scheme will be developed by a specialist lighting manufacturer to ensure lighting is appropriate to the work that is being undertaken and the operation of the stadium. A lighting strategy will be developed which will ensure the Proposed Scheme accords with best practice and relevant criteria to avoid any nuisance issues on surrounding residential and ecological receptors. This strategy will be informed by light obtrusion modelling following night-time match day and non- match day surveys.