



Aghabullogue GAA Development Plan 2015 - 2024



The need for new facilities

The GAA and Camogie clubs currently supports 24 teams at juvenile level and 7 teams at adult level. Our current playing and training facilities are recognised by many as some of the finest in the county. The pitches are in huge demand for training and matches by both the GAA and Camogie clubs, as well as hosting numerous school, colleges, divisional, camogie, county league and championship games. Our playing and training facilities are grass based pitches and are only suitable for use from March to October and this can be weather dependant at times. We now need to provide additional facilities that can be used from January to December which will also cater for the sporting and recreational demands of the people from the local area.



Following lengthy discussion and consultation within the community, club members and experts we believe the development of a floodlit AstroTurf pitch is the most appropriate development for our local area.

What will the proposed development consist of?

The 82m x 42m AstroTurf is a pitch with a surface of artificial grass. It has the advantage that it is very low maintenance and very durable. Astroturf pitches allows you to use them all year round and if floodlit can be used at night time during winter months as well. This Astroturf pitch will be located on part of the existing training pitch and the estimated cost of construction is €280,000. Our key objectives for this proposed development are:

1. *Increase the number of active participants in sports and recreational activities of all ages in the area*
2. *Increase participation time in sports and recreational activity per person*
3. *Improve standards of performance for teams and individuals using the facility*



How will this development be funded?

We aim to raise €140,000 locally under a €1,000, 10 year refundable loan scheme and the balance of €140,000 will be sought via grant aid schemes. We have an application near completion for the Sports Capital Grant Programme which is due to be submitted by the 24th April 2015. Applications for additional grant supports will be submitted during 2015/16 to organisations such as the Munster GAA Council and Cork County Council.

How will the €1,000 loan scheme work?

- Individuals / families / groups support this project with a €1,000 loan,
- A draw will be made each year to repay 14 loans of €1,000. This will continue for 10 years until loans are repaid.
- Repayment will commence on the 1st anniversary of the opening of the facility.
- The Astrotruf pitch once up and running should generate sufficient annual revenue to cover loan payments and operating costs and hopefully in time additional revenue to re-invest into other projects.

Who can use this facility?

This facility can be rented by any club, organisations or groups of individuals. The design of the facility allows it to be divided using nets and can be used by multiple groups during the same hour. This facility will be offered free of charge to the local national schools and actively retired groups during school hours.

What other development have we planned?

Our 2014-2024 plans also include the development of a skills wall and a floodlit walkway around the old pitch. These projects will be undertaken on completion of the AstroTurf pitch and are dependent on future funding being secured. We are confident that with sufficient funding we will be in a position to complete these projects by 2024.





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Phase 1: (2015 -2016) Floodlit AstroTurf Pitch



Phase 2: (2018-2024) Skills Wall & Walkway



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