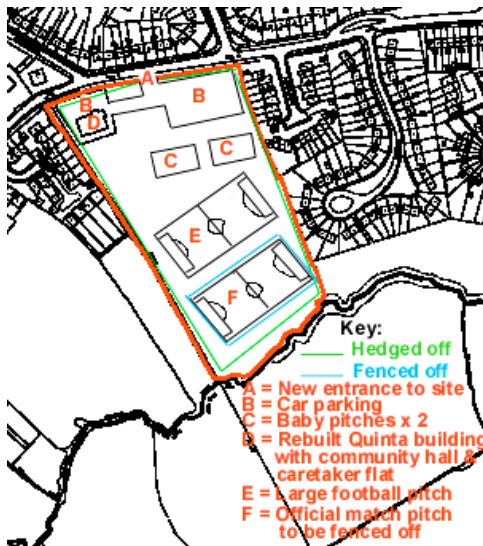


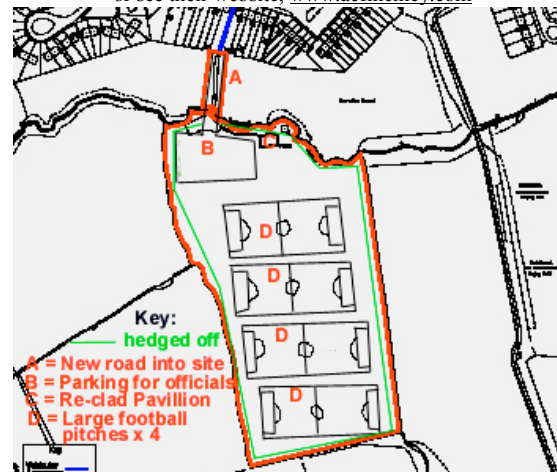
AC Finchley Football Clubs proposed plans for Quinta & Grange

Information in plans & diagrams was provided by
AC Finchley Chairman, Frank Sidoli on 19 February 2007.

For current plans, please contact Lyn Sidoli of AC Finchley on 07775 744 447
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Quinta
Site on
Mays
Lane



Grange
Site on
Ridgeview
Close

- Four large football pitches on the Grange site at Ridgeview close.
- Re-cladding the pavilion at Grange site and re-installing services (plumbing, electricity) & toilets.
- Lockable drop bollard (or similar) at Grange site to prevent unauthorised access.
- Parking facilities at Grange site for Managers, Chairmen and other officials.
- Two large pitches on the Quinta site. Official match pitch (fenced off) to be located here.
- Two 'baby' pitches on the Quinta site
- Re-building of Quinta building to include:
 - Changing rooms
 - Community Hall for external functions and revenue raising
 - Possible care taker accommodation for live-in care-taker and security
- Car park surrounding Quinta building to provide several spaces.
- Additional car park to be built to the left of the Quinta building.
- New entrance to be built at the middle of the top of the field, directly in front of several houses.
- Fenced off pitches on both sites.
- Entire sites to be hedged off to remove external access (that's you and me) to the field.
- No new members from our local community will be taken on as there are "no plans to increase this number in the immediate future as we don't have enough coaches for any more players (according to football league rules)" (Quote from Mr Sidoli, AC Finchley Chairman)

Some of the negative effects this will have on our community:

- Reduction in the value of our properties!
- Noise during day from matches/training practice.
- Players (home and away) causing problems to residents or properties – hooliganism.
- Noise some nights during evening functions in the community hall to be built if planning application is accepted (AC Finchley Chairman admits he must hold some functions to re-coup the £50k per pitch he will spend to drain them). A liquor licence may be applied for.
- Noise during day from day functions and classes in community hall (to re-coup the £50k per pitch spent to drain them).
- Eyesore of fenced off football pitches on the site.
- Eyesore of over 6 large pitches between the two sites.
- No access to this land anymore. In fact some pitches will be fenced off and hedges placed around the rest of the site to remove external access (that's you and me!).
- Possibly (if planning permission is accepted), floodlights on during evenings for practice/matches.
- Headlights shining into some properties on Mays Lane when cars exit (entrance to car-park to be moved to centre of top of field, opposite many houses – see plans).
- Traffic problems during matches, functions and classes.

- Over-spill parking onto our road, taking our parking spaces.
- Eyesore of car park to be built around club-house and to the left of the top of the field (see plans) if planning application is accepted.

But what are the positive advantages this will have to the local community? When we questioned the Chairman of AC Finchley, Frank Sidoli, about this after the meeting of the 19 February, he was unable to provide us with any evidence of community advantage. There are already 300 players, 34 coaches, 18 teams and by the Chairman's own admittance "no plans to increase this number in the immediate future as we don't have enough coaches for any more players (according to football league rules)" – so which children will be benefiting from this? None of our children will be able to join and if or when they eventually can, the annual joining costs are prohibitive for most at between £200-300! Also not all of us or our children want to play *just* football – with an open field we can play any sport we like. Surely this is more beneficial to the community as a whole or does the Council believe the word Community means footballers only? We suggest we ask the council to remove the derelict building to prevent further vandalism and leave the land open to us all, not just Finchley's football players.