

# Fairmont High School

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Dear Cllr Smit,

## **FAIRMONT HIGH SCHOOL – ASTRO TURF DEVELOPMENT**

Thank you for the opportunity to respond to the concerns of our neighbourhood.

We regret that our attempt to notify the residents via an article in the Tygerburger last November did not come to the attention of all.

The design of the floodlights are of the latest “Down Lighter” type which face onto the playing surface and not upwards as is the case at the Durbanville Sports ground. These lights are mounted in such a way to meet environment impact requirements.

The use of the facility is restricted to **hockey only** and will take place in the afternoons after school and in the evenings until 21:00 where after lights will be switched off and players **will have to vacate the premises**. This will be reinforced by the school security personnel. Saturday usage will be normal school matches in the morning, as exists at present and club matches in the afternoon. Sunday mornings will be used for 1<sup>st</sup> team practices until 12:00.

It should be noted that there are **no club house facilities** on the premises and therefore no after match socialising. **No alcohol** is permitted on the premises. Users of the facility are contractually bound by our regulations, transgression of which can result in withdrawal of access to the turf. There will be **no amplified announcements or music** on this turf.

We do not envisage any increase in the traffic volumes already experienced on match days and parking is restricted to our own internal parking area on the premises. In the event of a spill over of traffic on rare occasions, this traffic will be accommodated on our lower sports field. Access to our parking area will be directly from Durban Road into the parking lot and not via Medway Road as is the case for normal school activities.

In conclusion we wish to point out that this facility will be a major benefit to our surrounding feeder schools and therefore indirectly to our community. We hope to continue our good relationship with our community.

Kind regards,

Rob Burns

Convenor of the Astro Turf