



# TRAFFORD COUNCIL

Trafford Council's Criteria for Extended Long Term Security of  
Tenure (25Years)

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## **1. Background**

- 1.1 This guide has been developed by Trafford Council to support clubs in accessing the full potential for investment in facilities owned by the Council but not operated by the Council.
- 1.2 The Council fully recognises the value community groups play in enhancing the sense of place, providing a rich mixture of sporting opportunities for the benefit of the community and wishes to facilitate the ability these organisations to attract their own funding streams and grants so that access is as broad as possible and the facilities are of the highest possible standard.
- 1.3 The Council believes that voluntary and community organisations are often best placed to manage facilities in their local communities, in working with volunteers, where local knowledge and management of the asset can result in lower overheads and better value-for-money, as well as better and more intensive use of the asset.
- 1.4 In order to apply consistent decision making and facilitate a clear understanding of what expectations the Council has on organisations in order to secure extended security of tenure the following criteria will be applied:

## **2. Criteria**

- a). Use of the land is clearly designated as a priority within the Playing Pitch Strategy and an assessment of the land for other uses has been undertaken and reviewed;

### **Applying organisations;**

- b). must be able to evidence they can secure the required funding to enhance the facilities;
- c). must be able to evidence long term sustainability that includes the leasehold costs relevant to the land required;
- d). must take full responsibility for all maintenance of grounds, buildings and services and arising costs;
- e). must demonstrate how they will broaden community access and demonstrate improvement in the local community as well as enter into a Community Use Agreement;
- f). must demonstrate a willingness to maximise the potential for reducing inactivity; and
- g). Must allow an open book requirement for the organisations finances.

### **3. Who can apply**

2.1 The Council will consider applications from organisations which operate on a 'not for profit' basis and that are based in Trafford or have another wider interest in the area. These include but are not limited to:

- Unincorporated registered charitable organisations;
- Companies limited by guarantee with charitable status;
- Community Interest Companies limited by shares or guarantee;
- Community benefit Industrial & Provident Societies with an asset lock;
- Faith Organisations;
- Community Amateur Sports Clubs

### **4. Organisations benefitting from Long Term Security of Tenure will:**

- Focus on the community's interest and long-term benefit, creating social and economic value and benefits;
- Be open, representative bodies which adhere to equality of access and health and safety requirements;
- Align with Trafford Council's Leisure Strategy priorities and objectives;
- Be regulated by their National Sport Governing Body