

**WRITTEN QUESTION TO THE
MINISTER FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, TOURISM, SPORT AND CULTURE
BY THE CONNÉTABLE OF ST. HELIER
ANSWER TO BE TABLED ON MONDAY 30th NOVEMBER 2020**

Question

“Will the Minister advise whether there will be any net loss of green space as a result of the changes to Springfield Stadium, as proposed in the current planning application (P/2020/1263)?”

Answer

Yes. If approved, there will be a total loss of 439 square metres of grassed area at Springfield, comprising 232 square metres behind the goal at the south side of the stadium (measuring 58m x 4m) and 207 square metres behind the goal at the north side of the stadium (measuring 69m x 3m).

If the planning application is approved, the grass in these sections will be replaced by astroturf to create spectator areas at both ends of the 3G pitch. This is being carried out to accommodate the increased number of football supporters and to enable Jersey Bulls FC to continue to progress through the National League System. To continue to play in this league, their ground needs to comply with the requirements for a minimum audience capacity of 4,000 with the ability to increase to 5,000.

There is currently no other facility in the Island that can meet the ground grading requirements of the Football Association.