

**TAVISTOCK TOWN COUNCIL  
BUDGET AND POLICY COMMITTEE  
TUESDAY 5<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2021**

**BRIEFING NOTE  
NIGHT LANDING SITES - DAAT**

**1. BACKGROUND**

- 1.1 A request has been received from the Devon Air Ambulance Trust (DAAT) to assist it to secure a night landing site (i.e. dusk til 2am when the service closes down) for the Devon Air Ambulance.
- 1.2 Currently day landing sites are selected on their merits/proximity to an incident at the time of call out (The Meadows being a favoured daytime location). However, there is no facility for after dark landings in the Town which means (at present) if called at such times the Air Ambulance takes advantage of sites in the surrounding area such as Yelverton.
- 1.3 DAAT are looking to secure two sites in the Town (one of which will be subject to more detailed consideration in due course).
- 1.4 This submission is to report on progress made, with DAAT to expedite an initial site to meet the needs of the Town, should the emergency service be required.

**2. CURRENT POSITION**

- 2.1 DAAT have identified the Football Club as a prospective suitable site, and it is understood that the Club are amenable to the proposal. The advantage of the site being that it meets the requirements for night landings (unlike The Meadows) and has existing floodlights to assist landings.
- 2.2 The basis of the proposal received from DAAT being that (for that site) the main requirement is a 'switch' (to enable remote operation of the lights) and related items (Appendix 1 refers). The Football Club would host the switch, the Council being responsible for any maintenance of it in future, whilst the

infrastructure continues to sit with the Club. In addition, DAAT have offered a sum of £320.60 toward the overall cost of £929.50+VAT. A copy of the accompanying terms and conditions is enclosed (appendix 2), the balance being met by TTC.

- 2.3 In the circumstances, and following consultation with Committee Members to expedite the provision of a night landing facility, the necessary agreement has been entered into, in principle, to provide this valuable service in the Town.

### **3. CONCLUSION**

- 3.1 This report is by way of update and information on steps undertaken to facilitate, in partnership with the Football Club and DAAT, a night landing site for the Town.
- 3.2 A further report will be brought forward in due course seeking the view of the Council on how/if to proceed with a second site suggested by DAAT.

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