

Dear Wem Town Clerk,

Further to our recent conversation, I would like to formally request that the following information be considered for discussion at the next Town Council meeting on 10 June 2026.

We are currently in the process of completing a funding application for an all-weather pitch (AWP) at Thomas Adams School, and we would welcome the opportunity to explore whether Wem Town Council may be able to contribute, at any level, towards this project. To date, we have been working closely with the Shropshire Football Association, Shropshire Local Authority, Shropshire Leisure, and the Football Foundation. We are presently preparing to submit an expression of interest for approximately £400,000 of Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) funding, for which we have received strong indications of support, reflecting recent and planned housing developments in and around Wem.

In addition, the 3–18 Education Trust will be making a contribution of approximately £50,000, including funds raised through school-based fundraising activities. A grant application to the Football Foundation is also in progress to secure the remaining balance of the overall project cost, which is currently estimated at £900,000 plus VAT.

The Football Foundation has completed a technical survey of the proposed site and has confirmed it is happy with both the location and the existing supporting services provided by the leisure centre. Furthermore, the Shropshire Football Association has commenced consultations with a number of local clubs regarding future usage and long-term commitments.

I am extremely pleased that we have been able to initiate this process, which I firmly believe will result in a significant and lasting asset for both the school and the wider local community, including other schools, sports clubs, and community organisations. Given that similar funding has historically been directed towards other market towns and schools across Shropshire, this development is both timely and long overdue for the Wem area.

I would be very grateful if the Council were able to consider this matter in general terms at the forthcoming meeting. I would also be more than happy to attend a future meeting to provide further information and discuss any updates or developments as the project progresses.

Kind regards,

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