

Glasgow Airport Rail Link

Locations for Replacement Football Pitches During Construction Period

As discussed at the CLG meeting on 21 March, eleven pitches to the east of St James will be required during construction of the Glasgow Airport Rail Link.

Renfrewshire council's Director of Planning & Transport/Director of Environmental Services prepared a report for Renfrewshire Council on 15 December 2005.

The following extract comes from section 4.3 of the report which was accepted by Renfrewshire Council.

During the period of construction, 11 league pitches will be retained to fully operational standard at St James, in the area west of the new railway viaduct. In effect, this implies that for a period of around 18 months, temporary accommodation and pitch capacity requires to be found for the balance, elsewhere in Renfrewshire. This level of provision has been the subject of much discussion between Council and SPT staff. The Director of Environmental Services has now agreed in principle after an extensive option appraisal exercise on the following:

- *Ferguslie Park, Paisley* - four pitches will be provided by upgrading the existing two pitches to league standard plus constructing two new league standard pitches. The two new league standard pitches will be those that are put in place as part of the permanent replacement. Improvements to the existing changing facilities will be provided and will be of a similar standard to the existing facilities.

- *Lochfield Playing Fields, Paisley* - two pitches will be upgraded to league standard plus provision of temporary changing facilities.

- *Ralston Playing Fields, Paisley* - two pitches will be upgraded to league standard plus possible extension of existing pavilion or provision of temporary changing facilities.

- *Seedhill Playing Fields, Paisley* - one pitch will be upgraded to league standard plus possible extension of existing pavilion or provision of temporary changing facilities.

- *Thomas Shanks Park, Johnstone* - two pitches will be upgraded to league standard plus provision of temporary changing facilities.

All these sites will benefit from the installation of temporary changing facilities of a standard acceptable to the Council.