

Petition the College for Sports Funding

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Union Notes:

1. The Heston sports ground was purchased with the aim "to enhance sports opportunities for all College clubs, including the Medics" as part of the "continued commitment by the College to providing the best sporting facilities to its students". ^[1]
2. The Teddington sports ground was donated for student sport ^[2,3,4]
3. The College purchased the Heston sports ground for £2.25 million. The fees incurred during the purchase were £36,000. A total cost of £2,286,000. ^[5]
4. The College sold the Teddington sports ground for £6 million. The fees incurred during the sale were £110,000. The overall sale price (minus fees) was £5,890,000. ^[5]
5. The sale of Teddington minus the costs of purchasing Heston is £3,604,000

Union Believes:

1. The college's motive to sell Teddington was to enable student sport to improve through the purchasing of the new Heston ground.
2. The profits (£3.604m based on the above figures) made from the sale of the medics' sports ground should be used to fund student sport in the future.

Union Resolves:

1. To petition the college that the profits as outlined above are to be placed into a fund from which student sports clubs may apply for new sporting facilities to be built or for current sports facilities to be renovated.
2. This fund is to be overseen by a body of students which has representation from all management groups that manage sports clubs as well as the DPFS and DPCS. It will be chaired by the student union president.
3. All spending from this fund must be approved by the overseeing body of students

Appendix

Sources:

1. http://www3.imperial.ac.uk/newsandeventspggrp/imperialcollege/sports/newssummary/news_9-7-2014-15-20-47, accessed 24/12/15.
2. <http://www.teddingtonsociety.org.uk/groups/planning/planning-single-news.php?s=2015-01-25-udney-park-playing-fields>, accessed 12/1/15
3. <http://www.telegraph.co.uk/sport/rugbyunion/international/scotland/2429796/Passion-s-brought-to-boil-by-feast-of-rugby.html>, accessed 12/1/15
4. <http://www.icsmsu.com/exec/wp-content/uploads/ICSMSU-Exec-Meeting-Minutes-19.7.14.docx>, accessed 12/1/15
5. Email Sent from foi@imperial.ac.uk, to matthew.baker12@imperial.ac.uk at 18/12/2015 13:49

Dear Mr Baker

Thank you for your recent Freedom of Information request.

Please find below the College's response to your questions.

The cost of purchasing the Heston Sports Ground and the fees incurred during the purchase

The College purchased the Heston Sports Ground for £2.25 million. The fees incurred during the purchase were £36,000. The price that the Teddington Sports Ground was sold for and the fees incurred in its sale
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Kind regards,

Catherine Harpham