



BRIEFING DOCUMENT FOR EGM THURSDAY 21st JANUARY 2021 VIA ZOOM

(joining details shared via email)

This document is intended to give you as a member background behind the EGM being called and what decision we need to make as club.

As per the club wide email we need to decide on our future alignment to the new structure being implemented by England Hockey, passed at EH's AGM during last year and supported by our club

What is this about? Well it is described by England Hockey as a Structure Fit for Future

It is a once-in-a-generation opportunity to systematically improve the sport while aligning our collective efforts more effectively and will create:

- A fairer structure for clubs and participants to progress within competitions and league structures
- Common league rules across the genders and different areas
- Improved junior competition structures
- Less travel for clubs and players
- Common structures and approaches that will make administration easier for clubs and associations
- A leaner, more accountable structure that will be easier to improve in the future, aligned to clubs' wishes

Why are we looking to decide?

As the club is based on the Surrey and Hampshire border, we have been considered as a "Border Club" based on the geographical location we are in and that we straddle the dividing line between 2 new regions

Whilst our 1st XI adult teams would still have some travel expectations, we have seen the new league structures created to in some part reduce the travel demands.

Also with the proposed split this gives us the opportunity to look and the quality of opposition we will be competing against in the future, and gives us the opportunity to compete in some areas against improved opposition from where we are today, thus looking to raise the standard of our club hockey.

Given this is, to coin England Hockey's phrase, "a once in a generation" change the committee felt it sound not just be a committee decision but a club wide member vote hence the calling of the EGM

How are we positioned today as club?

Across our whole club section (juniors & adults) today we;

- Split across 5 different Adult league associations in the South, with separate rules and governing bodies
- 3 separate Junior League Associations – whilst aligned to Hampshire we deal with Surrey & Home Counties clubs
- We play our matches against clubs across a large geographic spread which involves considerable travel (Battersea, London > Brighton > Isle of Wight > Weymouth > Salisbury)



So, what do need to decide?

We need to as club vote for the region we wish to align going forward – it will either be a vote for South Central or South East,

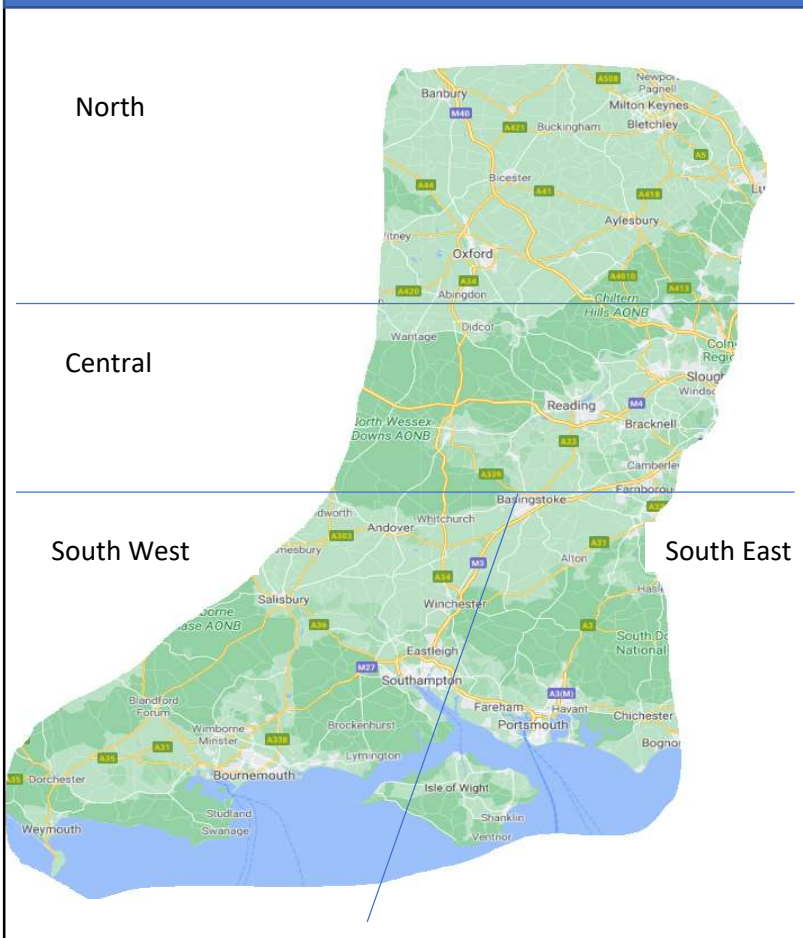
The next 2 pages give you additional detail to aid your thoughts ahead of the EGM, with;

- The geographic split of the new regions (South Central & South East)
- Guidance on where our teams both adult and juniors would align to within these regions
- Indication of other clubs in this region so you are able to see the extent of travel and standard of clubs we would be playing against in the future

All Full Members & Junior Members aged over 16, as per our club constitution, are entitled to vote at the EGM and we look forward to your input on this matter.

As a committee we look forward to seeing you at the EGM virtually on Thursday 21st January

South Central



- Predominately made up of Buckinghamshire, Berkshire, Hampshire, Dorset
- Split into 4 regions;
 - North
 - Central
 - South East
 - South West
- Adult Hockey alignment would be
 - M1/L1 – playing across the whole region
 - M2/M3/M4 & L2/L3 – playing across South East & South West
 - M5/M6 & L4/L5 – playing across South East
 - Any promotions as you progress up the league system increase the area playing.
- Whilst it is yet to be confirmed as Junior plans are being finalised, we would be linked to this region for Junior Hockey and there is some expectation to see some in region splits as seen at the Adult Section

South East



- Predominately made up of Surrey, Sussex, Kent
 - Split into 3 regions; West, Central & East
- Adult Hockey alignment would be
 - M1/L1 – playing across the West & Central
 - All other adult teams playing West
 - Any promotions as you progress up the league system increase the area playing.
- Whilst it is yet to be confirmed as Junior plans are being finalised, we would be linked to this region for Junior Hockey and there is some expectation to see some in region splits as seen at the Adult Section

Clubs in South Central Area

North Area	Central Area	South East Area	South West Area
Abingdon	Amersham & Chalfont	Alton	Andover
Aylesbury	British Airways	Basingstoke	Bournemouth
Banbury	Henley	Chichester	Eastleigh
Berkhamstead	Maidenhead	Fareham	Gillingham
Bicester	Marlow	Fleet	New Forest
Buckingham	Newbury & Thatcham	Gosport	Poole
Leighton Buzzard	Phoenix & Ranelagh	Hamble	Romsey
Milton Keynes	Reading	Haslemere	Salisbury
Oxford	Reading University	Havant	Southampton
Oxford Hawks	Slough	Isle of Wight	Soton University
Oxford University	Sonning	Lavant	Swanage
Thame	South Berkshire	Petersfield	Trojans
Tring	Tadley	Portsmouth	Weymouth
Wallingford	Windsor	US Ports	Wimbourne
Witney	Wycombe	West Meon	Winchester
Wootton Wanderers	Yateley	United Services	Blandford
Enigma	Harlow - High Wycombe		Southampton University
Kidlington	Iver & Burnham		Waterside
Wychwood	Scarlet Runners		Winchester University

Clubs in South East Area

West	Central	East
Camberley & Farnborough	Brighton & Hove	Ashford (Kent)
Cheam	Crawley	BBHC
Chertsey Thames Valley	Crowborough	Burnt Ash (Bexley)
Cranleigh	East Grinstead	Canterbury
Epsom	Eastbourne	Cliftonville
Guildford	Hailsham	Deal
Horley	Horsham	Folkestone Optimist
Kenley	Lewes	Gillingham Anchorians
Leatherhead	Littlehampton	Gore Court
Old Cranleighans	Mid Sussex	Gravesham & Wellcome
Old Georgians	Middleton	Herne Bay
Old Kingstonian	South Saxons	Holcombe
Old Reigatian	Southwick	K Sports (Cobdown) HC
Oxted	St. Francis	Knole Park
Reigate Priory	Worthing	Maidstone
al Holloway, University of Lor	Brighton and Hove	Marden Russet
Sanderstead	Burgess Hill	Newenden Nomads
Staines	Honeybees	Old Bordenians
Sunbury & Walton Hawks	Penguin	Old Williamsons
Surbiton	South Downs	Sevenoaks
Surrey Spartans		Sutton Valence
Teddington		Tunbridge Wells
Trinity Mid-Whitgiftian		Bexleyheath & Belvedere
Wimbledon		Dartford
Woking		Edenbridge
Berrylands		Faversham
Epsom HC		Gravesend
Mitcham		Marden Russets
Sunbury and Walton Hawks		Meopham
Team Surrey Spartans		Old Bordenian
		Uni of Kent