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A Safer, Stronger Communities Fund Project

## Work commences on multi-use games areas

Work on the installation of three multi-use games areas (MUGAs) across sites in King's Lynn will begin on Friday 19th September 2008, to last for an estimated 12 weeks. The work will result in Fairstead, Gaywood Park and North Lynn each having a state of the art MUGA for sporting activities such as football, basketball, netball and tennis.

It is hoped that disruption to the local communities during the construction period will be kept to a minimum. Discussions have been held with contractors, ETC Sports Surfaces Ltd, and vehicular traffic will avoid school drop off and collection times. Sites for the games areas, which have ball stopping, vandal proof fencing and floodlights, were identified by local communities and the Improving Neighbourhoods Board.

Carl Suckling, Improving Neighbourhoods, explained: "We are really pleased to announce the commencement of the work on the three multi-use games areas, much work has happened to get to this stage to provide facilities of a high quality that the communities deserve. These facilities will provide young people with a safe place to play and also encourage residents to become more active."

Additionally, funding has been provided for an Urban Sports Motivator who will work within communities to encourage young people to use the MUGAs and to take an active role in the day to day management of the facilities. It is hoped the motivator will also help to form user groups and develop links with local schools and other organisations.

The project has been funded by Improving Neighbourhoods and National Lottery funding administered by Sport England.

Sport England East's Regional Director Chris Perks commented: "We are delighted that these new facilities and the potential appointment of a motivator will provide a great opportunity for the people of King's Lynn to get involved in sport."

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Notes to the Editor

The Improving Neighbourhoods Board is made up of residents and representatives from key service providers. It is tasked with making the decisions to allocate the £3.6m made available to the area through Safer Stronger Communities Fund.

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