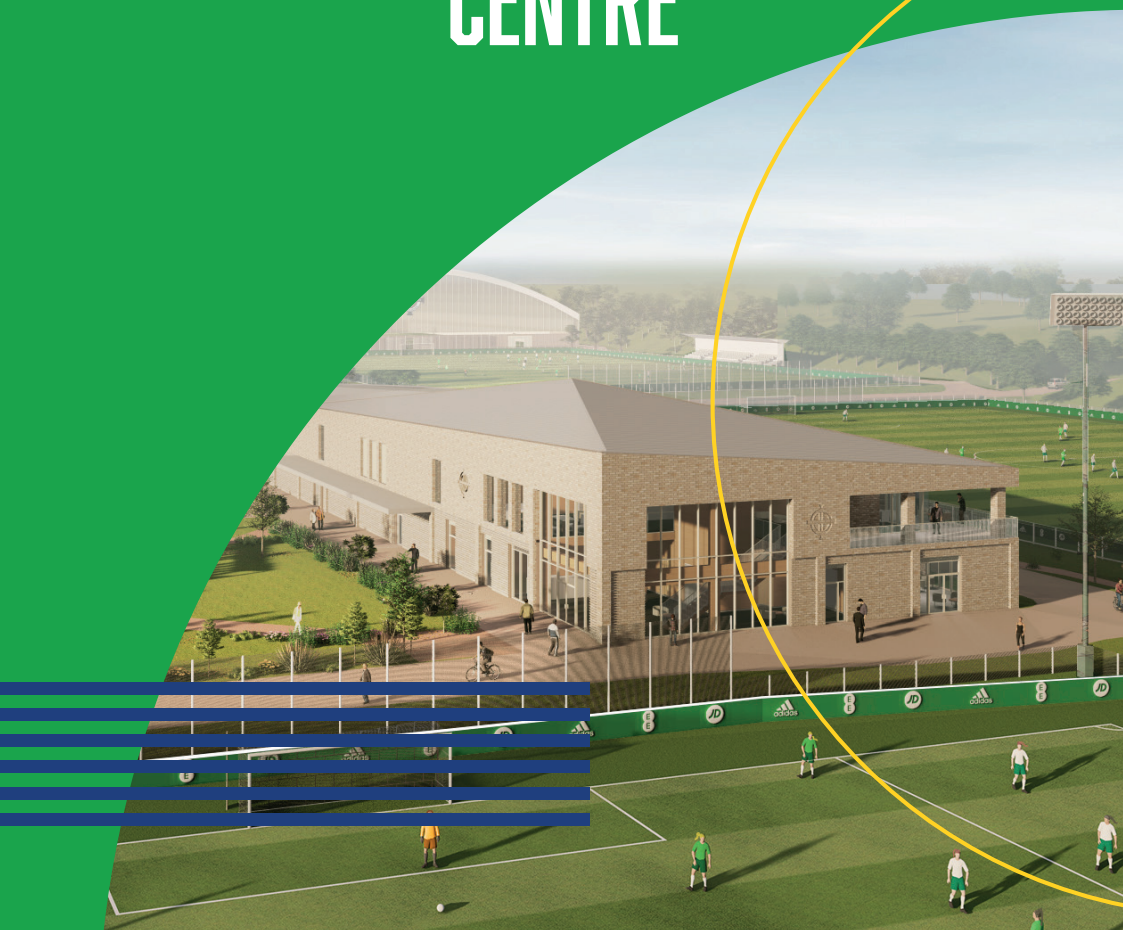




PROPOSED NATIONAL FOOTBALL CENTRE



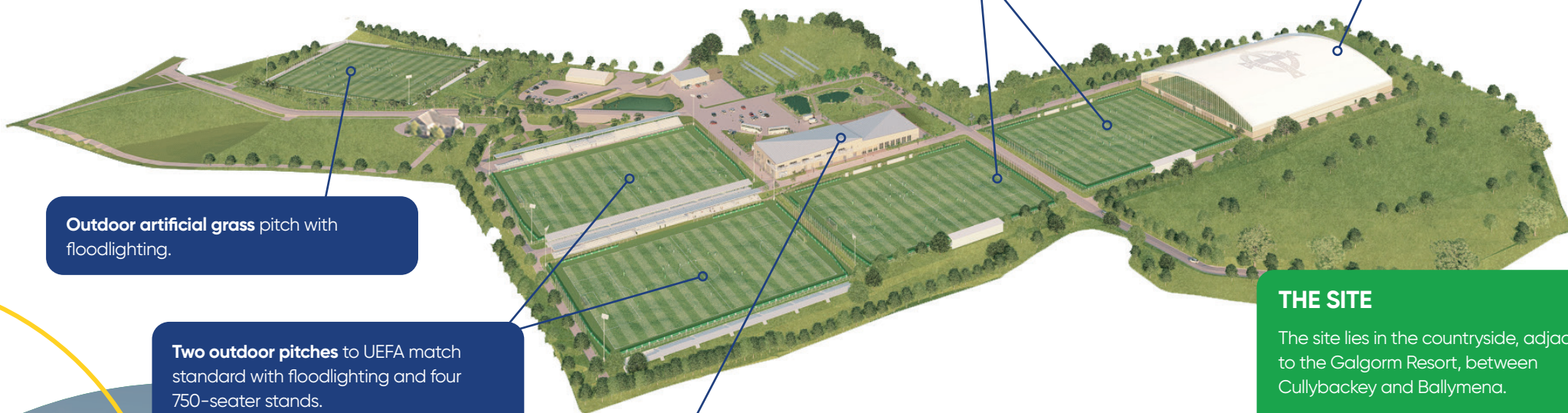
THE VISION

THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE NATIONAL FOOTBALL CENTRE REPRESENTS A LANDMARK INVESTMENT IN SPORTING INFRASTRUCTURE, FULFILLING A KEY STRATEGIC PRIORITY FOR THE IRISH FA.

It will serve as a central hub for both elite and grassroots football in Northern Ireland, creating a lasting legacy for the game.

THE PROPOSAL

The design for the proposal is based on a 'centre-for-all' approach to promote inclusivity and performance and deliver elite-level facilities for male and female players across senior and youth levels.



Outdoor artificial grass pitch with floodlighting.

Two outdoor pitches to UEFA match standard with floodlighting and four 750-seater stands.

A flagship, **multi-purpose building** with training, medical, catering, administration and media facilities.

Two outdoor training pitches with two 200-seater stands.

Indoor artificial grass pitch.

THE SITE

The site lies in the countryside, adjacent to the Galgorm Resort, between Cullybackey and Ballymena.



The lands are situated between Fenaghy Road and the railway line, to the north, south, east and west of 125 Fenaghy Road, Cullybackey, Ballymena, BT42 1EA

The masterplan for the site also features an energy centre, PV panels, a television gantry, access roads, lighting, fencing, car parking, soft and hard landscaping, site access from Fenaghy Road, emergency access from Ballymena Road and associated operational development.

The National Football Centre will support infrastructure to meet European standards for training and match preparation. The facilities will serve both daily operations and long-term player development across all age groups and pathways.

YOUR VIEWS

We would be particularly keen to hear your response to the following:

Do you welcome the Irish FA's vision for a National Football Centre?

Have you any comments on the masterplan for the site?

Have you any comments on any other aspect of the proposal?

CONSULTATION WEBSITE

The proposal can also be viewed on the following website

www.irishfa.com/nfconsultation

which will be live for access and the submission of comments from Thursday 23rd October 2025 to Thursday 20th November 2025.

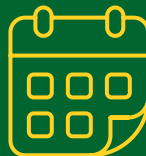
FURTHER INFORMATION

Further information on the proposal can be obtained by writing to David Mounstephen, Fleming Mounstephen Planning, Unit A101, Portview Trade Centre, 310 Newtownards Road, Belfast, BT4 1HE, by calling 028 9620 9448 or by e-mail to david@fmplanning.co.uk

CLOSING DATE FOR COMMENTS

If you wish to make comments on the proposal, you can do so at the Public Information Events, via the website, by e-mail and in writing using the above contact details. The closing date for comments is Friday 28th November 2025.

PUBLIC INFORMATION EVENTS



Public Information Drop-In Events will take place on

Thursday 23rd October 2025

(12 noon – 8 p.m.) and

Wednesday 12th November 2025

(12 noon – 8 p.m.)

at the Galgorm Resort,
136 Fenaghy Road,
Ballymena, BT42 1EA.

Display Boards of the proposal will be on display and representatives of the Irish FA and members of the design team will be in attendance.

Note: the Public Information Events and the consultation process noted above is part of the statutory pre-application community consultation process. As such, comments should not be made to Mid and East Antrim Borough Council. Any comments made to the prospective applicant are not representations to the planning authority. If a planning application is subsequently submitted to Mid and East Antrim Borough Council, normal neighbourhood notification and publicity will be undertaken at that time and you will have the opportunity to make formal representations regarding the proposal at that time.