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- **Meetings with ESC and Halesworth sports clubs** – In April, East Suffolk Council planners reached out and set up a series of meetings with the purpose of taking an overview of sports needs in Halesworth and evaluating how Halesworth Campus's proposed provision addresses those needs. On April 29th, Campus trustees met online with planners, sports and leisure development officers and representatives from the CIL team to answer questions and to explain the need for an uplift in the CIL award. On May 14th, a larger in-person meeting was held at East Suffolk Council's offices. Attending were district and county councillors, Halesworth Campus, Halesworth Community Sport and Leisure and Halesworth football and Southwold rugby clubs. This was an unprecedented opportunity for all stakeholders to listen to other voices and to understand each other's wishes. It was felt to be a positive step towards collaboration between all parties with the interests of promoting sporting provision in Halesworth common to all. Halesworth Campus has responded enthusiastically to the proposal of further meetings.
- **Community Infrastructure Levy** – The original CIL award for the Campus project of £1,641,997.00 is now no longer sufficient to see the completion of phase one of the project (the 3G and rugby pitches and attendant infrastructure). Halesworth Campus estimates the additional funding needed, due to inflation during a long period of delays beyond our control, to be £512,684.28. After some discussion with the ESC CIL team regarding the presentation of figures, the application for the CIL uplift was submitted on May 28th.
- **Final planning permission for phase one** – We are steadily working towards discharging the last of our planning conditions. There will shortly be some works taking place on site to clear the existing drainage and ditches. This will allow our full drainage solution to be finalised, and at that point the remainder of the information will be submitted to ESC for approval.
- **Moving the power line from the 3G site** – Although it took far longer than we had hoped, the contract between Campus and UK Power Networks has been finally approved by Suffolk County Council and is ready for signatures. Once the contract is signed, and our final planning condition (above) is discharged, UK Power Networks can begin work to move the power lines from the future 3G pitch site.