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HFC GROUNDSHARE WITH HORSHAM YMCA AT GORINGS MEAD

The Board of Horsham Football Club today announces that following the decision of the Ryman League to promote Horsham YMCA to Division 1 South, the last obstacle to their proposed groundshare for the 2009/10 season has been overcome.

Kevin Borrett, Director said "this decision will be welcomed by all fans of the club and marks the return of the Hornets to its home town after 12 months away in Worthing. Whilst we were made very welcome at Worthing FC, the distance proved too difficult for many supporters to make the 50 mile round trip, particularly for midweek matches.

I want to thank Sir Michael Checkland, Chairman of YMCA and Mick Browning and the rest of the management committee of YMCA FC for their willingness to work with us to provide an interim solution for the club.

This does not however detract from the need for the club to secure a long term home in a location suitable for the club which caters for both it's youth and first teams, which I very much hope will be achieved in the Hop Oast area in the not too distant future.

John Lines, Club Secretary said "HFC now needs to finalise the remaining details of its groundshare with Horsham YMCA, but the framework for the agreement is in place. This will include the matchday parking arrangements.

The club has suffered being away from the town and the task of attracting back commercial sponsors and those supporters unable to make the trip to Worthing can now begin.

It should also help John Maggs secure the services of those players who were finding it difficult playing at Worthing, due to travelling distances.

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