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# Football club consider move to new stadium

**Weston's top rugby and football clubs are mulling the possibility of a ground share, with the latter set for 'major development' or relocation.**

Weston Football Club face two options as it looks to make its 'next step' within the next three years, with opportunities to redevelop the Woodspring Stadium, in Winterstoke Road, or moving to Weston Rugby Club's base at Sunnyside Road on the table.

The developments would be underpinned financially by the

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creation of housing and retail space in Winterstoke Road, and would see facilities improved in 'every aspect' with an expansion of the Woodspring's clubhouse to two storeys mooted if that avenue is pursued.

The football club's managing director, Oli Bliss, said it is '50/50' over which path will be taken, but believes both routes lead to an exciting future.

The Seagulls play in the National League South, the sixth tier of English football, while the rugby club turn out in the fifth division of the country's league structure – and it is thought a ground share could give both teams a platform to climb the ranks.

Mr Bliss, speaking at a fans forum on Sunday, said: "We're looking at different options for the club to improve its facilities, whether it's at a different location or here."

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