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For the attention of David Elmore

Dear Mr. Elmore

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Thank you for consulting Sport England on the above planning application. The site is considered to constitute playing field, or land last used as playing field, as defined in The Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 (Statutory Instrument 2015 No. 595). As such Sport England is a statutory consultee.

Sport England has sought to consider the application in light of the National Planning Policy Framework (particularly Para. 97) and Sport England's Playing Fields Policy, 'A Sporting Future for the Playing Fields of England' <https://www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/planning-for-sport/playing-fields-policy/>. Unfortunately there is insufficient information to enable Sport England to adequately assess the proposal or to make a substantive response. Please therefore could the following information be provided as soon as possible:

1. Playing Pitch Layouts: Site plans (to scale) showing the existing summer (natural turf) playing pitch layouts. The layouts shown on the site plans only show the winter playing pitch layout. There are no plans showing where any running tracks, cricket pitches, rounders pitches etc are marked out in the summer. This information is required to allow an informed assessment to be made of the impact of the proposals on natural turf playing pitch provision.
2. Cricket Nets: The proposed replacement games courts would appear to displace four cricket nets. Details are requested of whether the cricket nets are still in operational use, what condition they are in and what (if any) mitigation is proposed to address their loss. This information is required to allow an informed assessment to be made of the impact of the proposals on playing pitch provision;
3. Games Courts Phasing: Details of the phasing of the development in relation to the games courts. Would the replacement games courts be constructed and ready for use before construction starts on the site of the existing games court? If not, details are requested of how the temporary impact on the delivery of the school's PE curriculum will be addressed if the school do not have access to games courts for a temporary period. Details of the expected duration of any such interim period and whether there is any community use of the courts (outside of school hours) is also requested. This information is required to allow an informed assessment to be made of the impact of the proposals on games court provision.
4. Games Court Design and Layout: Details (if available at this stage) of the design and layout of the replacement games court area including surfacing, line marking and fencing. This information is requested to allow an informed assessment to be made of the replacement games court area in terms of whether it would represent a suitable facility for mitigating the loss of the existing games courts and to assess the sport related benefits.
5. Sports Hall: Confirmation of whether the proposed sports hall would be made available for community use outside of school hours as it is unclear from the information provided. If so, would

the school be willing to formalise community use arrangements through completing a community use agreement. This information is requested to allow an informed assessment to be made of the potential community sports related benefits of the proposed facility in the local context. All of the above information is requested to allow Sport England to make an informed assessment of whether the proposed development would accord with any of the exceptions in our playing fields policy especially exception E5.

Sport England's interim position on this proposal is to submit a **holding objection**. However we will happily review our position following the receipt of all the further information requested above. As I am currently unable to make a substantive response, in accordance with the Order referred to above, the 21 days for formally responding to the consultation will not commence until I have received all the information requested above.

I would be happy to discuss the requested information further with the applicant and/or the local planning authority if necessary.

Please contact me if you have any queries.

Yours sincerely

Roy Warren

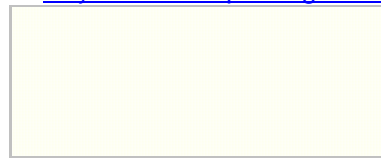
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