Horsham District Council

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By email only

26 March 2025

Application No. DISC/25/0240
Site: Pennthorpe School, Church Street, Rudgwick, RH12 3HJ
Proposal: Variation of Condition 12 attached to DC/19/2573 to reduce access for community use
Sport England Reference: PA/25/SE/HO/70145

Thank you for consulting Sport England on the above application.

Sport England is disappointed that the school wishes to limit access for community use. While we understand that there may be safeguarding issues on site, we don't consider that these have been adequately explained or justified within the application to vary the condition as proposed. Of note, the effect of the proposed amendment is to all intents and purposes to exclude the community from the school during weekday evenings throughout the year, save for a token, likely unusable one hour period between 7pm and 8pm in the spring and summer terms. We would wish to understand how the school pupils are using the AWP every evening throughout the year between normal school hours and 7pm that makes community use inappropriate.

On that basis we currently **object** to the application.

Please note that we also have an outstanding objection to the community use agreement to be discharged under condition 7 attached to permission ref: DC/19/2573 currently under consideration ref: DISC/25/0052.

Please contact me if further information is required.

Yours sincerely,
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