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Thanks both,

Yes, to a large extent the reversion to 2G is good news and we welcome it to secure the long term future of hockey on the site. Across the district we are deficient of 3G pitches but would not support the loss of a 2G pitch that is in use by groups that require this surface to achieve this. The hockey clubs particularly will still be concerned about where they can play in the period of the current pitch being demolished and the new one coming online. I know they have been looking at other locations generally, most recently at Lancing College, given the project plans have been known for some time. Whilst they would prefer a hockey pitch to remain available at Steyning throughout the build, given the scale of this rebuilding project and major reconfiguration of the site involved I don't feel it would be reasonable to object on these grounds.

Our main aspiration as leisure officers will be to continue to engage in collaborative dialogue with the School to secure community use arrangements for the new leisure facilities the school is building, and to ensure that the impact on Steyning Leisure Centre's service offer and user experience is minimised throughout the project.

Regards

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Morning

I have copied in Anna from Parks. Anna do you have comments to make?

Rob – As Stephanie suggests reverting to a 2G pitch should allay the concerns from Sport England and Southwick Hockey?

Thanks

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DEVELOPMENT:

Part-demolition of existing teaching buildings, MUGAs and all-weather pitch. Construction of replacement 2-storey and 3-storey teaching buildings, flood-lit all-weather pitch and hard surfaced sports courts, with associated access, parking, landscaping and infrastructure.

SITE:

Steyning Grammar Upper School Shooting Field Steyning West Sussex BN44 3RX

APPLICATION:

[DC/26/0322](#)

Good morning Rob,

I hope this finds you well?

I am writing with regards to the above application. A consultation request was sent to Parks on 17th April and again on 20th May with a deadline for comment this week. No comments have been received yet.

I suspect Sports England will have largely covered any concerns you may have already, nonetheless please can you review the above application and confirm any comments you have?

Please note that since submission the development has been amended so the 2G pitch will not be replaced with a 3G pitch but remain with a replacement 2G pitch (the main concern of Sports England and representations) and also that your comments will be made public and will be reported to planning committee.

Also to assist, please find attached the previous comments provided as part of the pre-application for this development.

Any queries on the this, please let me know.

Kind regards,
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