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FAO Ms N Pettifer

Dear Nicola,

Thank you for reconsulting Sport England with additional information following our objection lodged on the 18th July 2023.

We have reviewed all the documents submitted and are pleased that our comments have been addressed. The internal layout of the pavilion works for better for sport and for the local community.

The creation of the playing field adjacent to the pavilion can be laid out in a number of different combinations as required by local teams. However Sport England would recommend a two planning conditions to ensure the playing field is constructed correctly.

Sport England assesses this type of application in light of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and against its own planning objectives, which are Protect - To protect the right opportunities in the right places; Enhance - To enhance opportunities through better use of existing provision; Provide - To provide new opportunities to meet the needs of current and future generations. Further information on the objectives and Sport England's wider planning guidance can be found on its website:

<https://www.sportengland.org/how-we-can-help/facilities-and-planning/planning-for-sport>

By providing new pitch(es) and pavilion that could help address established playing pitch deficiencies, the proposal would meet objective 3, and therefore Sport England **supports** this application in principle.

Sport England recommends that a ground conditions assessment is undertaken by a sports turf specialist/agronomist who can recommend a scheme for preparing the playing fields to the required specification. The recommended scheme should then be implemented. Detailed guidance on the issues that require consideration is set out in Sport England's guidance '*Natural Turf for Sport*', and

A copy of this guidance can be found at: <https://www.sportengland.org/how-we-can-help/facilities-and-planning/design-and-cost-guidance/outdoor-surfaces>

Conclusion

This being the case, Sport England offers its **support** for this this application, as it is considered to meet Objective Provide as set out above.

Sport England recommends, based on our assessment, that if the Council is minded to approve the application, the following planning conditions should be imposed.

1. No development on the playing field shall take place unless and until:
 - a) A detailed assessment of ground conditions of the land proposed for the new playing field land as shown on drawing number 062009-BEL-SL-01 Rev A shall be undertaken (including drainage and topography) to identify constraints which could affect playing field quality; and
 - b) Based on the results of this assessment to be carried out pursuant to (a) above of this condition, a detailed scheme to ensure that the playing fields will be provided to an acceptable quality (including appropriate drainage where necessary) shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority after consultation with Sport England.

The works shall be carried out in accordance with the approved scheme within a timescale to be first approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority after consultation with Sport England.

*Reason: To ensure that site surveys are undertaken for new or replacement playing fields and that any ground condition constraints can be and are mitigated to ensure provision of an adequate quality playing field and to accord with LP Policy ***

2. Prior to the bringing into use of the playing field, a Management and Maintenance Scheme for the facility including management responsibilities, a maintenance schedule and a mechanism for review shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority after consultation with Sport England. The measures set out in the approved scheme shall be complied with in full, with effect from commencement of use of the [named sports facility].

*Reason: To ensure that new facility is capable of being managed and maintained to deliver a playing field which is fit for purpose, sustainable and to ensure sufficient benefit of the development to sport (National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) para 99) and to accord with LP Policy ***

If you wish to amend the wording of the recommended condition(s), or use another mechanism in lieu of the condition(s), please discuss the details with the undersigned. Sport England does not object to amendments to conditions, provided they achieve the same outcome and we are involved in any amendments.

The absence of an objection to this application, in the context of the Town and Country Planning Act, cannot be taken as formal support or consent from Sport England or any National Governing Body of Sport to any related funding application, or as may be required by virtue of any pre-existing funding agreement.

If this application is to be presented to a Planning Committee, we would like to be notified in advance of the publication of any committee agendas, report(s) and committee date(s). We would be grateful if you would advise us of the outcome of the application by sending us a copy of the decision notice.

Yours sincerely,

Bob

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