Horsham District Council

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By email only 28 May 2024

Application Reference: DISC/24/0093
Site: Pennthorpe School, RH12 3HJ
Proposal: Discharge of Condition 7 attached to DC/19/2573 – Community Use Agreement
Sport England Reference: PA/24/SE/HO/67611

Thank you for consulting Sport England in respect of the details submitted under the above planning reference to discharge condition 7 – Community Use Agreement of planning permission DC/19/2573.

Sport England acknowledges the document submitted to discharge this condition however at this stage we would recommend that the condition is not discharged for the following reasons.

The community use agreement (CUA) is intended to be an agreement between the local authority and the school to open up the approved facility to community use outside of school hours. While the applicant has used Sport England's model template as a basis, it has then stripped out any role for the Council going forward in reviewing and influencing the use, availability and pricing of the facility so as to achieve its sports development objectives. It is recommended that the provisions in the model template specifically relating to the review committee are reinstated and the role of the review committee clearly set out within the CUA.

It is further considered that the following details need to be addressed within the agreement:
-Access to parking and toilet facilities
- How the facility will be marketed, hire rates and booking arrangements

The comparison rates and the plan referred to within the draft CUA need to be attached for consideration.

Therefore, the submitted document is not considered by Sport England to be sufficient to discharge the condition, and in view of this Sport England objects to condition 7 being discharged at this time.

Sport England would be happy to discuss these comments further with you/the applicant's agent with a view to a constructive way forward being identified.

If you have any queries, please contact the undersigned.

Yours sincerely,

Jo Edwards
Planning Manager

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