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Sent: 21 July 2021 14:26
To: Planning (SMDC)
Subject: FAO Ailsa Berry App Ref: SMD/2021/0470- Endon Cricket Club - Sport England Ref: 59206

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Dear Ailsa Berry,

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. 99) and against its own 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. The proposal entails the construction of a permeable hardstanding at Endon Cricket Club. The site is understood to be utilised for cricket and football (see below image) and it is unclear what impact the proposal will have on playing field layout of the site i.e. will the proposal result in the loss of land capable of accommodating a pitch. It is therefore requested that a plan displaying the winter and summer pitch layout is provided alongside the permeable hardstanding area to establish the impact of the proposal on the playing field.



2. No details have been provided as to rationale for the proposal. If the purpose is for car parking, what are the number spaces proposed and what is the proposed layout of the hardstanding area? This information together with the playing pitch layout plan would help to establish if for an ancillary use supporting the principal use of the site as a playing field and that it will not affect the quantity or quality of playing pitches or otherwise adversely affect their use.

Sport England's Playing Fields Policy and Guidance document, which includes the type of information required in order for us to evaluate a planning application against our policy, can be viewed via the below link:

https://www.sportengland.org/how-we-can-help/facilities-and-planning/planning-for-sport#playing_fields_policy (see Annex B)

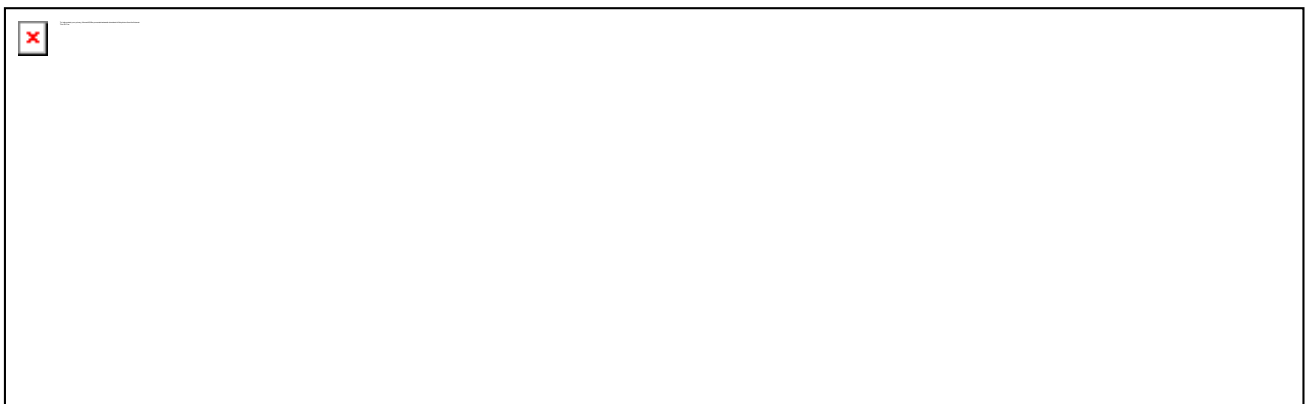
Sport England's interim position on this proposal is to submit a **holding objection**. However we will happily review our position following the receipt of all the further information requested above. As I am currently unable to make a substantive response, in accordance with the Order referred to above, 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.

Yours sincerely,

Rajvir Bahey

Planning Manager



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