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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 additional information related to the above planning application.

The applicant has provided details in relation to the rationale for the car parking area and a revised plan showing the location of the car parking area in context with the wider playing field site.

The proposal entails the construction of 30 parking spaces on playing field land. The site has been marked out for various football pitch types in recent years with the proposed car park not encroaching on to these pitches. Further to this the largest football pitch capable of being marked out at the site, an u11/12s pitch (79x52m inclusive of run off area), would still be capable of being accommodated at the site following the proposal.

As mentioned above the applicant has provided the rationale for the car parking area which includes; the parking supports the needs of the venue following access to the previous parking at the Western Power site no longer being available; the existing playing field land is unsuitable for car parking resulting in damage to the surface; to provide a safe car park for parents and their children; and negate the need to park on the main road which is deemed to be dangerous for both local residents and users of the site.

To inform this response Sport England consulted the ECB and the Football Foundation with the following responses received:

ECB

- Support the proposal as the current provision for parking is inadequate and will benefit both cricket and football clubs
- No impact on the cricket pitch

Football Foundation

- Support the need for car parking at this site. We are aware of the proposal and if planning is granted, then the application will be making an application to the FF's Small Grant Scheme to help deliver the proposal. The club are in need of extra parking due to their overflow being taken away from across the road. Cars are now parking on the dangerous road, outside of houses and it is causing issues around the site, therefore we are supportive from a Health & Safety perspective. They are also using the grass to park on which in bad weather is causing damage and cars to get stuck, so a solid base is needed for the area.
- We have no real concerns over the impact on the playing field providing the appropriate safety run-off areas can still be accommodated.

Based on the above, the proposed development will result in a minor encroachment onto the playing field. However, the proposal would not reduce the size of any pitches nor reduce the sporting capacity of the site with largest size pitch capable of being accommodated at the site.

Consequently, Sport England are of the view that the proposal broadly meets exception E3 of our playing fields policy, in that:

'The proposed development affects only land incapable of forming part of a playing pitch and does not:

- reduce the size of any playing pitch;
- result in the inability to use any playing pitch (including the maintenance of adequate safety margins and run-off areas);
- reduce the sporting capacity of the playing field to accommodate playing pitches or the capability to rotate or reposition playing pitches to maintain their quality;
- result in the loss of other sporting provision or ancillary facilities on the site; or
- prejudice the use of any remaining areas of playing field on the site.'

The proposal would also in part meet Sport England E2 with the car park being an ancillary facility supporting the principal use of the site as a playing field, and does not affect the quantity or quality of playing pitches or otherwise adversely affect their use.

This being the case, Sport England **does not wish to raise an objection** to the application with it according with Local Plan Policy C2, NPPF paragraph 99 and Sport England Exception Policies E2/E3

If you would like any further information or advice please contact the undersigned at the address below.

Yours sincerely,

Rajvir Bahey
Planning Manager

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From: Rajvir Bahey

Sent: 21 July 2021 14:26

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Subject: FAO Ailsa Berry App Ref: SMD/2021/0470- Endon Cricket Club - Sport England Ref: 59206

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.

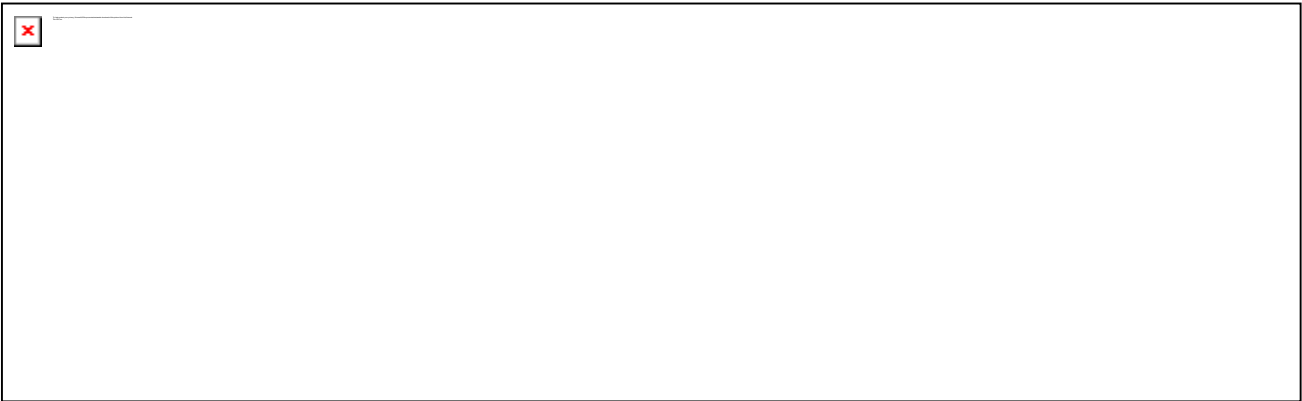
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