

Response to Planning Application SMD/2021/0491 Land Off Tenford Lane, Tenford Lane, Tean.

Dear Planning,

Thank you for forwarding the plans approval of reserve matters relating to application SMD/2016/0811.

The following information provides more detailed comments regarding the opportunities relating to play, open space, playing pitches and Sport England 'Active Design' guidance.

Open space / active design

The development includes a very generous area of public open space to the west of the site. It is welcomed to see that there will be a pedestrian hard-surfaced pathway around this open space giving opportunities for gentle exercise. The extended paths which will be provided by way of mown sections of the wider open space are also welcomed.

It would be good if there were to be a small number of opportunities around this area of open space, next to the pathways, for seating. This would encourage the community to enjoy this space and for those with mobility concerns or the older members to feel confident to use this space.

It would be further enhanced as a recreational facility if the new pathway was measured. If this information was then shown on the site, it would enable the community to know how far they have walked or run.

The proposed site plan seems to show that the pavements around the new development do not join up and are only provided on one side the each road. Provision for safe walking around the development should be encouraged and as such joined up paving on both sides of the highway is requested.

Play & playing pitch provision

It is noted from the Outline Application (SMD/2016/0811) that off-site provision for both play and playing pitches will be provided with in the agreed s106 document.