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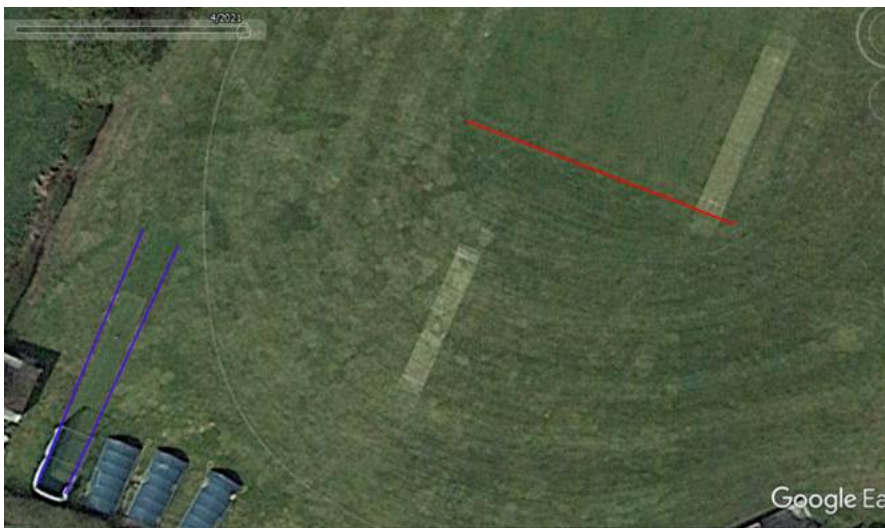
Dear Declan Cleary,

Thankyou for consulting Sport England on the additional information related to the above planning application.

Sport England notes that the submitted plan indicates that a minimum 53m boundary will be retained though this is not from the nearest wicket to the proposed cricket net facility, as requested within Sport England's response dated 30th September 2022. As such, Sport England requests that the proposed nets should be displayed with the full extent of the cricket square displayed alongside the measurements to the boundary. This would demonstrate that the cricket boundary would not be reduced in size as a result of the proposal. For information please see the below image in relation to the previous nets at the site, cricket square and the boundary, a revised plan would indicate whether the nets would encroach on to the cricket boundary or not.

Further to this clarity is sought as to whether the full extent of the cricket nets (33m in length) will be an artificial surface or not i.e. would an element be natural turf closest to the boundary and its run off area.

Given the above, Sport England are unable to support the planning application as currently set and request the above information to demonstrate that proposal would not adversely impact on the ability to mark out pitches at the site.



Rajvir Bahey Planning Manager

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From: Rajvir Bahey
Sent: 30 September 2022 08:22
To:
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Dear Declan Cleary,

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 2021 (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:

- The proposal entails a cricket practice net at Endon Cricket Club which is an ancillary facility for the playing field site utilised for cricket. However, from the plans submitted it is unclear if a minimum boundary size of 45.72 metres can still be achieved when measuring from the near end middle stump of the closest pitch to the proposed practice nets. As such a Plan is requested displaying the practice net facility does not impact on the minimum cricket boundary demonstrating that the pitch would not be impacted as a result of the proposal.

The ECB have also provided advisory comments that the design and specification has not been provided by an ECB Approved System Supplier. As an approved supplier would provide a more detailed specification, materials used and full ECB design compliance including the exact position that the practice nets would be sited in relation to the playing area. The ECB also commented that the current practice facility is a single Non Turf pitch at 23m and is not compliant for practice. ECB Tech Specification (TS6), guidance and approved list are all attached.

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.

Should the local planning authority be minded to grant planning permission for the proposal, contrary to Sport England's holding objection, then in accordance with The Town and Country Planning (Consultation) (England) Direction 2021, the application should be referred to the Secretary of State, via the National Planning Casework Unit.

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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