

Re planning application SMD/2024/0393

To replace almost 40 year old floodlights which are beyond economical repair and no longer fit for purpose at Leek Bowling Club, Beggars Lane Leek ST13 8DB.

Mr Tom Ford of Kingfisher Lighting Mansfield is acting on behalf of the club to acquire planning permission for the above project.

Unfortunately the portal they are using doesn't enable our situation to be explained fully.

I know he has sent a request asking you to explain how he would be able to meet the requirements of the application. I hope the information in this letter will clarify some the information you require.

The grounds and buildings are owned by Leek Bowling Club Limited and I am acting on the company's behalf.

The two members of staff are employed by the bowling club as a cleaner and a bar steward and will not be affected.

The floodlights will be used from March to the middle of May from dusk to 10pm on three/four evenings per week and also from the middle of August to the end of September from dusk to 10pm. The green is closed from October to March when bowling is confined to indoors.

Although we do have hedgerows around the green which will not be affected, we believe we may be except from the biodiversity clause as less than 25square mtrs of earth will be disturbed.

As stated earlier we have had floodlights for almost forty years with no complaints, the new lights will also be two mtrs lower than the old ones and be more environmentally friendly.

With Kind Regard

Ken Weir Captain Leek Bowling Club.