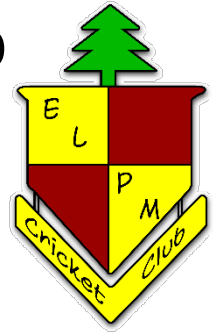


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To whom this may concern,

This letter outlines the position of East Lancs Paper Mill Cricket Club (ELPMCC) with respect to the reserved matters planning application submitted by Homes England/Morris Homes for the development of the ELPMCC site [Outline Permission Ref 67597].

Recent History

ELPMCC has been a club in limbo since the closure of the mill, our former landowner. For more than a decade we have had many challenges including the burning down of our changing pavilion and scoreboard and multiple acts of vandalism to the clubhouse. We have also had to deal with multiple landowners and various plans and developments going nowhere. The club has been self sufficient in this time but are stuck with temporary changing accommodation and lack of long term lease stability. We are therefore in favour of relocation.

Vision

The vision for ELPM Cricket Club is a modern, welcoming sports club for the local community and families to participate in sport and recreation. This includes the continual provision for 3 adult cricket teams, with a full junior section. The club are undergoing ECB ClubMark accreditation, and continuing to offer rounders for female members, and darts and dominoes matches. The club will be a social hub with function room space for daytime (e.g. coffee mornings, cricket teas) and evening activities for the community. It remains essential that there is continuity of provision for the club [Outline Permission Ref 67597 Condition 37].

New Plans

We have been regularly consulted about the new location for the cricket club, the site masterplan and the design of the club house. Adjustments to the site plans, club house and lease have all been made at our request and we are satisfied with the consultation we have been afforded.

The site masterplan provides an appropriate new facility that satisfies our vision for the club. A modern club house, adequate car parking, a practice net facility, equipment storage, a new playing surface to comply with ECB standards and appropriate external fencing /security are all included.

The club house design meets ECB requirements and we have consulted with Richard Dixon, ECB Facilities Planning Manager - Recreational Game. The overall design is appropriate with adequate changing and social facilities, and will accommodate appropriate security measures e.g. shutters. Our

preference would have been to have the pavilion in the North West corner of the site, and for the pavilion to be slightly larger, but we understand that external factors limit both of these.

A long-term lease is essential to guarantee the club's future and we are satisfied with the proposed arrangement of a 5 year lease with a breakpoint that will transfer to a 125 year lease once following a compliance inspection. This will open up a variety of future funding options that were not available to us beforehand. We have also agreed (subject to confirmation in the final lease) an affordable yearly rent.

Overall the club are positive about the proposed move and believe that it will create an excellent community facility in this area. If there are any queries or questions about anything above please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours sincerely,

Mark Robinson

ELPMCC Secretary,

On behalf of the ELPM CC Committee