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Subject: PLANNING APPLICATION 69388 - RADCLIFFE HUB, RADCLIFFE, MANCHESTER, M26 1NN - SPORT ENGLAND REF: PA/23/NW/BUR/64056

Dear Dean.

Thank you for consulting Sport England on the additional information sent in relation to the above application, received 11th May 2023.

Information submitted:

- Draft Report by Knight, Kavanagh & Page- 'Bury Council Business Case – New Radcliffe Leisure Centre' – April 2020
- Executive Summary by Knight, Kavanagh & Page- 'Bury Council Business Case – New Radcliffe Leisure Centre' – May 2020

The submitted information relates to the development of a Leisure Centre with a variety of sports facilities related to a high school re-development with no mention of the proposal which is the subject of planning application 69388 for which Sport England have been consulted. No other response has been provided to address the issues raised in the previous Sport England response sent 24th March 2023 and the submission has not demonstrated that there is a requirement for the leisure facilities in this location.

Sport England – Non -Statutory Role and Policy

The Government, within their Planning Practice Guidance (Open Space, Sports and Recreation Facilities Section) advises Local Planning Authorities to consult Sport England on a wide range of applications.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/open-space-sports-and-recreation-facilities-public-rights-of-way-and-local-green-space#open-space-sports-and-recreation-facilities>

This application falls within the scope of the above guidance as it relates to the creation of a major sports facility.

Sport England assesses this type of application in light of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and against its own planning objectives, which are Protect - To protect the right opportunities in the right places; Enhance - To enhance opportunities through better use of existing provision; Provide - To provide new opportunities to meet the needs of current and future generations. Further information on the objectives and Sport England's wider planning guidance can be found on its website:

<https://www.sportengland.org/how-we-can-help/facilities-and-planning/planning-for-sport>

Conclusion

Based on the above, Sport England **maintains its objection** to this proposal, as it is considered that it has failed to demonstrate how it meets the Sport England 'Provide' Objective as set out above, in terms of how it meets identified needs and in addition, clarity is needed in relation to the above points with regard to the design of the facilities, to ensure the provision is fit for purpose and well designed. I refer you to the detailed response in the Sport England email sent 24th March 2023.

If this application is to be presented to a Planning Committee, we would like to be notified in advance of the publication of any committee agendas, report(s) and committee date(s). We would be grateful if you would advise us of the outcome of the application by sending us a copy of the decision notice.

Kind Regards

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