

Thank you for consulting Sport England on the above application.

Non-statutory planning advice

The proposed development does not fall within our statutory remit (Statutory Instrument 2018 No. 1251), but we would wish to give the following advice to you.

General planning guidance and advice can be found on our website:

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

Loss of sports facilities

If the proposal involves the loss of any sports facility, then full consideration should be given to the impact of the proposal on the local sports facilities. The impact of the proposal, as assessed against the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), is in accordance with local planning policy. The proposal should also be assessed against whether it meets any approved Playing Pitch Strategy or Built Sports Facility Strategy that the local authority has in place.

New sports facilities

If the proposal involves the provision of a new sports facility, then consideration should be given to the impact of the proposal on the local sports facilities. The proposal should be assessed against any approved Playing Pitch Strategy or Built Sports Facility Strategy that the local authority has in place. They are fit for purpose, such facilities should be designed in accordance with design guidance. The proposal should also be assessed against the relevant sport National Governing Body.

Design Guidance notes: <http://sportengland.org/facilities-planning/tools-guidance/design-guidance>

Meeting the needs of new housing

If the proposal involves the provision of additional **housing**, then it will generate additional demand for sports facilities. If the local authority does not have the capacity to absorb the additional demand, then new and/or improved sports facilities should be provided in accordance with any approved local policy for social infrastructure, and priorities set out in the local authority's Built Sports Facility Strategy that the local authority has in place. Our Sports Facility Calculator is a tool that can be used to estimate the demand for key community sports facilities from a new population and convert that demand into costs. Guidance on how to use the tool is available on the link below.

Sports Facility Calculator: <https://www.activeplacespower.com/>

Other relevant guidance, tools and contacts

Active Design

In line with the Government's NPPF (including Section 8) and PPG (Health and wellbeing), new development, especially new housing, will provide opportunities for people to live more active lives. Sport England's Active Design guidance can be used to help with this where new development is proposed.

Design provides ten principles to help ensure the design and layout of development encourage physical activity.

NPPF Section 8: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/national-planning-policy-framework/8-principles>

PPG Health and wellbeing section: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/health-and-wellbeing>

Sport England's Active Design Guidance: <https://www.sportengland.org/how-we-can-help-you/guidance/active-design>

Planning conditions

We maintain a list of model planning conditions covering issues such as - creation of new pitches, sports lighting and community use.

Community Use Agreements (CUA)

Central Government wishes to see the availability of sports facilities to the wider community user, as they see schools being at the heart of local communities. To help with this aim we have introduced a new community use agreement.

Planning Conditions and Community Use Agreements: <https://www.sportengland.org/guidance/planning/planning-sport/planning-applications>

National Governing Bodies of Sport

Although Sport England is not in a position to provide a detailed response on this occasion, advice provided by recognised sport National Governing Bodies (NGBs), a list of which

NGBs: <https://www.sportengland.org/guidance-and-support/national-governing-bodies?>

Please note: this response relates to Sport England's planning function only. It is not associated with any specific site that may relate to the site.

Yours sincerely,

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