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Subject: App Ref: 19/02796/F - Land north of Milton Road - Sport England Ref: PA/19/SE/CL/54413

Good afternoon Matthew,

## Thank you for re- consulting Sport England on the above application

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. <u>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</u>

This application falls within the scope of the above guidance as it relates to the creation of new playing fields.

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:

http://www.sportengland.org/planningforsport

The proposal includes a cricket pitch, 2 adult size football pitches, 1No. Multi-Use Games Areas and a village hall which accommodates accommodate changing rooms to service the sports provision.

The prosed layout no flexibility for pitch movement to avoid heavy wear and tear on the pitches. Also the cricket wicket will not work and is not acceptable to the ECB and therefore I would recommend it should be omitted as it will not be used.

Also the proposed pavilion should have two officials' changing as officials can be of any sex.

Sport England would expect to be consulted on the design of the pavilion and the Multi-Use Games Areas. We would suggest that when the MUGAs come forward, consideration is given to them being lit for evening and winter play.

## Conclusion

Sport England offers its support for this this application, as it is considered to meet Objective Provide as set out above.

The absence of an objection to this application, in the context of the Town and Country Planning Act, cannot be taken as formal support or consent from Sport England or any National Governing Body of Sport to any related funding application, or as may be required by virtue of any pre-existing funding agreement.

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.

Yours sincerely,

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