

Comment for planning application 19/02796/F

Application Number	19/02796/F
Location	OS Parcels 3309 And 4319 Adjoining And North Of Milton Road Adderbury
Proposal	Erection of sports & community pavilion with associated carpark and sport facilities (outdoor pitches and MUGA) following planning consent for change of use of agricultural land to sport/recreation and community use (18/00220/F)
Case Officer	Matthew Chadwick
Organisation Name	Stuart Lowen
Address	Ball Horticultural Europe, Milton Road, Adderbury, Banbury, OX17 3EY
Type of Comment	Comment
Type	neighbour
Comments	<p>Back in August 2018 representatives of Ball Colegrave met with Diane Bratt (Chairman of Adderbury Parish Council) and Theresa Goss (Village Clerk) to discuss our main areas of concerns registered over the initial plans 18/00220/F regarding security, light spill and balls hitting our glasshouses. Through our discussions we received positive assurances that Adderbury Parish Council will do everything they could to discourage stray balls from the sports facility and the public from entering our facility, ensuring that the adjoining boundary screen of trees and hedging is maintained. As for lighting, this would be limited to short periods of use away from our glasshouse facilities and any further development of this would be in discussion with Ball Colegrave. However, I would like to make the following comments on this new Planning Application 19/02796/F as I believe our concerns have not been addressed in this new proposal. Light pollution worries us enormously, more so now that the MUGA is to be positioned close to our boundary. Our glasshouses which are critical to our plant development work are positioned close enough to MUGA for the light spill from the 6 metre high lighting columns to have a detrimental effect to the phototropic and photoperiodic responses of the plants we are growing. The impact of this would be at its greatest particularly during Short Days ie October to February as the tree line is mostly deciduous and this light spill will certainly reach the greenhouses. The cost to our business could be enormous. When David Colegrave chose this site 62 years ago for the business, it was chosen very much with then lack of light pollution in mind, critical for successful plant breeding trials and production. In this new MUGA position, what will the effect be on drainage and water run off towards the Ball Colegrave site? This position is not the position shown on the original Flood Risk Agency report App 2 which shows the MUGA facility at the East end of the site. There are proposals for tree/hedge planting and maintenance on all the boundaries (North, South and East) but not any improvements or maintenance plans to our boundary line (West) which is not in line with the reassurances we received in August 2018. This firstly demonstrates that the hedge line will not be managed and therefore the screening effect for both Ball Colegrave and the Sports Facility may be compromised without a plan to maintain it. Security of our site is still a major concern, both from stray balls from the football field (which is to be located directly opposite our glasshouses) as well as possible site intrusion from persons trespassing from this new public space, which is hasn't been up to now an official public right of way. Our recommendation would be for high wire fencing to be installed along this boundary line. Ball Colegrave has been part of the village community for as many years as it has been in existence and a regular local employer. We do support a community facility, but we are unable to support without written evidence our concerns being addressed.</p>
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