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FAO Ms C Ford

Dear Caroline

Thank you for consulting Sport England on the above application.

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: a residential development of 300 dwellings or more.

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>

The occupiers of new development, especially residential, will generate demand for sporting provision. The existing provision within an area may not be able to accommodate this increased demand without exacerbating existing and/or predicted future deficiencies. Therefore, Sport England considers that new developments should contribute towards meeting the demand that they generate through the provision of on-site facilities and/or providing additional capacity off-site. The level and nature of any provision should be informed by a robust evidence base such as an up to date Sports Facilities Strategy, Playing Pitch Strategy or other relevant needs assessment.

The Proposal and Assessment against Sport England's Objectives and the NPPF

The proposal is for an outline planning application for residential development (within Use Class C3), open space provision, access, drainage and all associated works and operations including but not limited to demolition, earthworks, and engineering operations, with the details of appearance, landscaping, layout and scale reserved for later determination. According the submitted documents

the proposal is following the guidance set out in the adopted North West Bicester Supplementary Planning Document which was adopted in February 2016.

The applicants have accepted in their planning statement/heads of terms and their Design and Access Statement (p82) the need for offsite contributions for indoor and outdoor sport which the SPD recommends and which Sport England supports. However the SPD encourages schemes coming forward to adopt our Active Design (para 4.221).

Having reviewed a number of the documents, the only direct mention of Active Design is in appendix 5 within the planning statement which is a copy of the SPD. This is disappointing. I would recommend that CDC seek clarification from the applicant on whether or not they are using Active Design principles within their masterplan.

The applicants also acknowledge in their *development principle 7: Healthy Lifestyles* from the adopted SPD on page 23 of the Design and Access Statement that *the green spaces within the development should also provide the opportunity for healthy lifestyles including attractive areas for sport and recreation as well as local food production*. Again it is not clear how the applicants intend to achieve this within the masterplan they have submitted albeit they are making off-site contributions to sport.

At present Sport England cannot support the application without the clarification on the issues raised above. However I do note that the application is for an outline consent and I would hope that these items are addressed in the future.

Conclusion

This being the case, Sport England does not object to this application. However we would be in a position to support the application if further details come forward on the issues concerning active design and how the proposed green spaces will be used for healthy life styles.

We would be grateful if you would advise us of the outcome of the application by forwarding a copy of the decision notice.

Yours sincerely,

Bob

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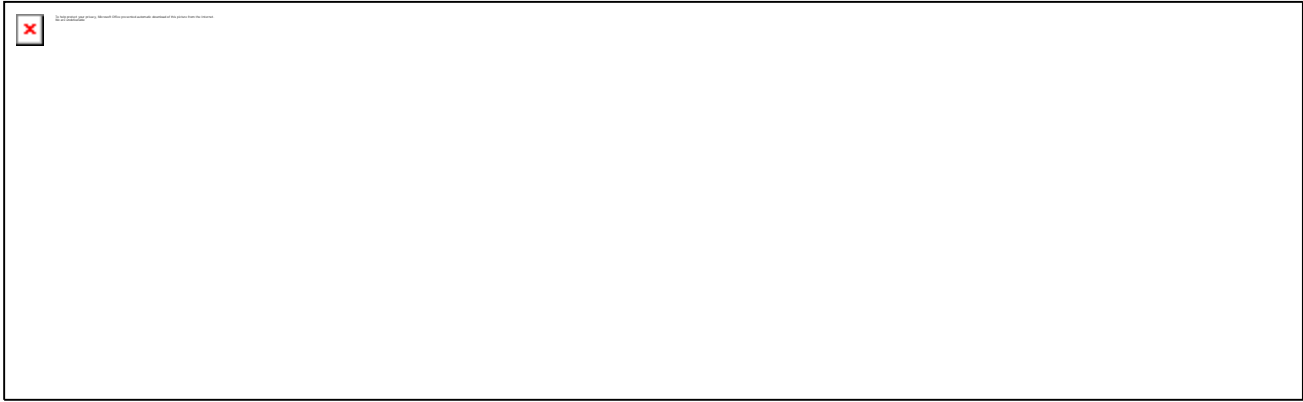
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