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Dear Caroline,

Thank you for consulting Sport England on the above planning application.

The site is not considered to be playing field therefore Sport England does not consider this proposal would require statutory consultation, under the terms of the Town and Country Planning (DMP) (England) Order 2015, at the formal planning application stage. However it is considered to be a development where consultation is advised under the terms of National Planning Policy Guidance Para. 003 Ref. ID 37-003-20140306.

Sport England has sought to consider the application in light of the National Planning Policy Framework (particularly Para. 99) and against its own playing fields policy. Unfortunately there is insufficient information to enable Sport England to adequately assess the proposal or to make a substantive response. Please therefore could the following information be provided as soon as possible:

1. The planning application refers to formal playing fields, but I can only see one playing pitch. Can it be confirmed that there is more than one formal playing field? I would point out the at the formal playing field has a football pitch shown which is very tightly constrained and we would not be supportive without more details. We would also like understand why only football is provided for:
2. The following is taken from the Design and Access statement:
It is not anticipated that the application site will be required to provide the pitches implied in the Council's open space standards – although the Development Plan and description of development provides the flexibility to do so.

In reality, the proposed Himley Village element of the North West Bicester development is expected to deliver the sports pitches to serve the entirety of North West Bicester.

There is nothing in the current application to back up these statements. Can the applicants please provide evidence to support these statements?

3. Section 7.3 in the planning statement states the applicants talk about expected contributions towards sports facilities. I am assuming this to both indoor and outdoor facilities. Can this please be clarified?

Sport England's interim position on this proposal is to submit a holding objection. However we will happily review our position following the receipt of all the further information requested above. As I am currently unable to make a substantive response, in accordance with the Order referred to above, the 21 days for formally responding to the consultation will not commence until I have received all the information requested above.

If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours sincerely,

Bob

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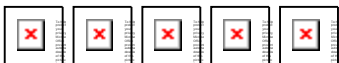
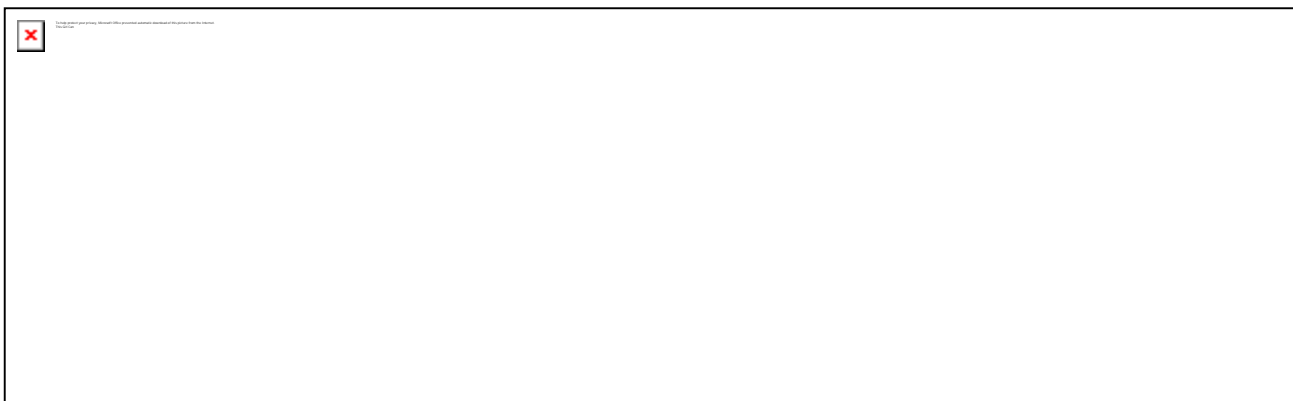
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