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consulting Sport England on the above application.

development does not fall within either our statutory remit (Statutory Instrument 2015/595), or National Planning Policy Guidance (PPG) Par. 003 Ref. ID: 37-003-20140306) and, therefore, Sport England has provided a detailed response in this case, but would wish to give the following advice to aid the assessment of the application.

Further information and advice can however be found on our website:

https://www.sportengland.org/how-we-can-help/facilities-and-planning/planning-for-sport#planning_application_guidance

If the application involves the **loss of any sports facility**, then full consideration should be given to whether the provisions of National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) is in accordance with local policies to protect so and meets any approved Playing Pitch Strategy or Built Sports Facility Strategy that the local authority has adopted.

If the application involves the provision of a **new sports facility**, then consideration should be given to the requirements set out in any approved Playing Pitch Strategy or Built Sports Facility Strategy that the local authority has adopted. In addition, to ensure they are fit for purpose, such facilities should be designed in accordance with the relevant National Governing Body, design guidance notes:

<https://www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/tools-guidance/design-and-cost-guidance/>

involves the provision of additional **housing**, then it will generate additional demand for sport. If the local authority does not have the capacity to absorb the additional demand, then new and/or improved sports facilities should be provided and delivered in accordance with any approved local policy for social infrastructure, and any existing Local Sports Partnership Pitch Strategy or Built Sports Facility Strategy that the local authority has in place.

The Government's NPPF (including Section 8) and PPG (Health and wellbeing section), consideration of **any new development**, especially for new housing, will provide opportunities for people to live and work in healthy communities. Sport England's Active Design guidance can be used to help with the design and layout of new developments. Active Design provides ten principles to help ensure the design and layout of new developments encourages and promotes participation in sport and physical activity.

For more information on the health and wellbeing section: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/national-planning-policy-framework/8-promoting-healthy-communities>

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For more information on Sport England's Active Design Guidance: <https://www.sportengland.org/how-we-can-help/facilities-and-venues/active-design>

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