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Thank you for consulting Sport England.

Sport England considers that the impact of a development on sports facilities or activities is outside the scope of an Environmental Statement. Consequently, we do not wish to comment on the development during this consultation.

However, any subsequent planning application should consider the implications for sports facilities, Policy 104, local plan policy, and any strategic evidence set out in local playing pitch and/or football strategy.

Sport England should be consulted on the planning application if it meets the statutory requirements of the Planning (Sports and Recreation) Regulations 2015/295 (development affecting playing fields) or the guidance for non-statutory consultations contained within Planning Practice Guidance: Open Space, Sports and Recreation Facilities (PPG-07-03-37-003-20140306).

General guidance on assessing the need to protect, enhance and provide sports facilities is available at the link below:

<https://www.sportengland.org/how-we-can-help/facilities-and-planning/planning-for-sports-facilities>

If you need any further advice, please do not hesitate to contact Sport England using the contact details below.

Yours sincerely,

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