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Our Ref: SE/CL/2015/39037/S

Dear Andrew,

App Ref: 15/00153/REM
Site: Heyford Park, Camp Road, Upper Heyford, Bicester, OX25 5HD
Proposal: “Reserved Matters to Outline application 10/01642/OUT - Village green including sports provision.”

Thank you for consulting Sport England on additional information submitted as part of the above named application.

The additional information comprises:

1. ‘Village Green – Detailed Landscape Proposals’ (drawing numbered Bir.4322_18K)
2. ‘Village Green – Site Location Plan’ (drawing numbered D.0341_66)
3. A covering letter from Pegasus Group dated 22nd July 2015.

The revised drawings show a different shaped site, to that which was considered previously for the village green, and a cricket square comprising four grass wickets instead of one artificial wicket. The minimum recommended distance, from the middle stump to the boundary of the outfield, for a senior pitch is shown (i.e. 45.72m). The covering letter states that “a Health and Safety Report considering cricket ball trajectories and safety net specifications will follow to accompany these revised details”. At the time of preparing this response to consultation, neither the report nor specification have been submitted.

Having regard to the matters raised previously, in its letter dated 5 May 2015, Sport England does not wish to raise an objection to the revised proposal, **subject to** the following conditions being attached to the decision notice (if the Council is minded to approve the application):

Condition 1

The cricket pitch hereby permitted shall not be constructed other than substantially in accordance with the ECB's Recommended Guidelines for the Construction, Preparation and Maintenance of Cricket Pitches and Outfields at all Levels of the Game.

Reason: To ensure the development is fit for purpose and sustainable and to accord with Development Plan Policy **.

A copy of the guidelines can be downloaded from

<http://www.ecb.co.uk/development/facilities-funding/facilities-guidance-and-project-development/fine-turf>.

Condition 2

- a) No development shall commence [or other specified time period] until the following documents have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority [after consultation with Sport England]:
 - (i) A detailed assessment of the risk of cricket balls leaving the ground and potential solutions to reduce the risk to an acceptable level.
 - (ii) Based upon the results of the assessment to be carried out pursuant to (i) above, a scheme that is designed to prevent balls from leaving the playing field area. The scheme shall include full details of all structures to be erected, who will have control over them and who will be responsible for their maintenance.
- b) The approved scheme shall be carried out in full before first use of the cricket pitch. The land shall thereafter be maintained and made available for playing field use in accordance with the scheme.

Reason: To minimise the risk of cricket balls leaving the playing field and causing damage to property or personal injury and to ensure that the development is fit for purpose and sustainable.

If you wish to amend the wording of the conditions or use another mechanism in lieu of them, please discuss the details with the undersigned. Sport England does not object to amendments to conditions, provided they achieve the same outcome and it is involved in any amendments.

If the Council decides not to attach the above conditions, Sport England would wish to re-instate its objection to this application.



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If you would like any further information or advice please contact the undersigned at the address below.

Yours sincerely

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