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**Subject:** App Ref: 18/00220/F - Land north of Milton Road - Sport England Ref: SE/CL/2018/48139/N

Dear Caroline,

Thank you for re- consulting Sport England on the above application

The proposal includes a cricket pitch, 2 adult size football pitches, only **1** Multi-Use Games Areas and a village hall which could accommodate changing rooms to services the sports provision.

The proposed layout does have some built in flexibility for pitch movement to avoid heavy wear and tear on the pitches, which is sensible.

Sport England would expect to be consulted on the design of the pavilion and the Multi-Use Games Areas. We would suggest that when the MUGAs come forward, consideration is given to them being lit for evening and winter play.

Sport England recommends that a ground conditions assessment is undertaken by a sports turf specialist/agronomist who can recommend a scheme for preparing the playing fields to the required specification. The recommended scheme should then be implemented. Detailed guidance on the issues that require consideration is set out in Sport England's guidance 'Natural Turf for Sport', and .

A copy of this guidance can be found at:

<http://www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/tools-guidance/design-and-cost-guidance/natural-turf-for-sport/>

## **Conclusion**

This being the case, Sport England offers its **support** for this this application, as it is considered to meet Objective *Provide* as set out above.

Sport England recommends, based on our assessment, that if the Council is minded to approve the application, the following planning conditions should be imposed.

1. No development shall take place unless and until:
  - a. A detailed assessment of ground conditions of the land proposed for the new/retained/replacement playing field land as shown on drawing submitted with the email dated 1<sup>st</sup> March 2018 shall be undertaken (including drainage and topography) to identify constraints which could affect playing field quality; and
  - b. Based on the results of this assessment to be carried out pursuant to (a) above of this condition, a detailed scheme to ensure that the playing fields will be provided to an acceptable quality (including appropriate drainage where necessary) shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority after consultation with Sport England.

The works shall be carried out in accordance with the approved scheme within a timescale to be first approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority after consultation with Sport England.

*Reason: To ensure that site surveys are undertaken for new or replacement playing fields and that any ground condition constraints can be and are mitigated to ensure provision of an adequate quality playing field and to accord with LP Policy \*\**

2. The playing field/s and pitches shall be constructed and laid out in accordance with the with the standards and methodologies set out in the guidance note "Natural Turf for Sport" (Sport England, 2011).

*Reason: To ensure the quality of pitches is satisfactory and they are available for use before development (or agreed timescale) and to accord with LP Policy \*\*.*

If you wish to amend the wording of the recommended condition(s), or use another mechanism in lieu of the condition(s), please discuss the details with the undersigned. Sport England does not object to amendments to conditions, provided they achieve the same outcome and we are involved in any amendments.

The absence of an objection to this application, in the context of the Town and Country Planning Act, cannot be taken as formal support or consent from Sport England or any National Governing Body of Sport to any related funding application, or as may be required by virtue of any pre-existing funding agreement.

If this application is to be presented to a Planning Committee, we would like to be notified in advance of the publication of any committee agendas, report(s) and committee date(s). We would be grateful if you would advise us of the outcome of the application by sending us a copy of the decision notice.

Yours sincerely,

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