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Subject: 20210301 Land off Ashland Road West your ref V/2020/0184 additional reference

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Outline planning application (with all matters reserved except access) for a residential development of up to 300 dwellings with associated infrastructure and landscaping.

Dear Robbie,

Thank you for re-consulting Sport England on the above application following the submission of information which seeks to address the concerns raised by Sport England regarding off-site contributions to indoor, outdoor sports and active design.

Thank you for confirming that a contribution to indoor sports facilities, in this case the Lammas LC has been negotiated, which should meet the demand generated by this development.

We would support the further work on Active Environments and Active Travel and would be happy to comment further. We would take this opportunity to advise on the work currently being undertaken by the TCPA and partners including Sport England to develop a guidance document on the concept of 20 minute neighbourhoods which should be launched later this month. The guidance may be a further source of information to develop reserved matters applications.

With respect to the contribution to off-site POS, it is not clear from your email (and attachment) if this is to support an objective of the Playing Pitch Strategy with regard to formal sport or more generally POS improvements.

Riley Recreation Ground is not listed in the PPS (I can't find the location on your website) so I assume therefore that the contribution would not improve formal sports facilities. Both Huthwaite Welfare Park and/or Brierley Forest Park contain more formal sports facilities and as such could be utilised to improve these facilities. Clearly, the sites for investment are supported we would generally encourage any investment which improves POS from an active recreation perspective.

We would not however want an opportunity for inward investment to be missed which could be matched with other funding opportunities such as the LFFP to maximise the value of the contribution.

Clearly, the off-site locations for are considered appropriate it is our role to raise the issue and ensure that it is considered, which is now the case. Sport England is content therefore to support the proposals.

Regards Steve

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From: Steve Beard

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Subject: 20201103 Land off Ashland Road West your ref V/2020/0184

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Dear Robbie,

Thank you for consulting Sport England on the above application.

Sport England – Non Statutory Role and Policy

The Government, within their Planning Practice Guidance (Open Space, Sports and Recreation Facilities Section) advises Local Planning Authorities to consult Sport England on a wide range of applications. <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/open-space-sports-and-recreation-facilities-public-rights-of-way-and-local-green-space#open-space-sports-and-recreation-facilities>

This application falls within the scope of the above guidance as it relates to the construction of over 300 dwellings.

Sport England assesses this type of application in light of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and against its own planning objectives, which are Protect - To protect the right opportunities in the right places; Enhance - To enhance opportunities through better use of existing provision; Provide - To provide new opportunities to meet the needs of current and future generations. Further information on the objectives and Sport England's wider planning guidance can be found on its website:

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

The occupiers of new development, especially residential, will generate demand for sporting provision. The existing provision within an area may not be able to accommodate this increased demand without exacerbating existing and/or predicted future deficiencies. Therefore, Sport England considers that new developments should contribute towards meeting the demand that they generate through the provision of on-site facilities and/or providing additional capacity off-site. The level and nature of any provision should be informed by a robust evidence base such as an up to date Built Sports Facilities Strategy (BSFS), Playing Pitch Strategy (PPS) or other relevant needs assessment. Your Council has both a PPS 2017 and a BSFS (2016) the BSFS has also been reviewed with regard to the proposed replacement Kirkby Leisure Centre

The Proposal and Assessment against Sport England's Objectives and the NPPF

The population of the proposed development is estimated to be around 700 people. This additional population will generate additional demand for sports facilities. If this demand is not adequately met then it may place additional pressure on existing sports facilities, thereby creating deficiencies in facility provision. In accordance with the NPPF, Sport England seeks to

ensure that the development meets any new sports facility needs arising as a result of the development.

Outdoor Sport

It is noted that the submission advises that areas of public open space and green infrastructure but no formal outdoor facilities for sport. The Playing Pitch Calculator should be used to identify demand from the new development and the PPS can then be used to understand if the demand identified can be met at existing outdoor sports sites. Your Localities Team should be able to advise on this aspect.

In this regard the following national Governing bodies for sport have been consulted.

The England and Wales Cricket Board advise that;

The nearest cricket club to this development is Mansfield Hosiery Mills. They play their third and fourth teams on Titchfield Park, Hucknall and Kingsway Park Kirkby. (both these sites are significantly far away from the clubs' main site)

Within the PPS – the following improvements were required to support increased activity on existing sites which the above club uses

Mansfield Hosiery Mills CC – Practice facilities in need of refurbishment & no NTP on site – there is overplay on the site

- Kingsway Park – NTP practice facilities are poor / NTP match pitch damaged / outfield improvement works / poor ancillary facilities on site
- Titchfield Park – Outfield improvements, new NTP requirement

The club have aspirations to create a secondary ground on the home site but this would require land acquisition

Since the completion of the PPS – Kirby Portland Cricket Club are now utilising the new match pitch at Larwood Park in conjunction with the RFU – this site is being used at peak time and therefore isn't suitable for peak time additional use from other clubs

The Football Foundation (FF) on behalf of the Football Association advise that;

The FF and Nottinghamshire County FA recommend a contribution into facility improvements at Kingsway Playing Fields. The multi-sport site is of strategic importance within the Playing Pitch Strategy and highlighted in the Local Football Facilities Plan as requiring investment in grass pitches and the changing pavilion.

The Rugby Football Union advises;

Ashfield RFC the club is forward thinking and has undergone some facility development work in the recent years, the club however would welcome off site contributions towards the ongoing developments at the site, further information of projects can be provided on request.

Indoor Sport

You will be aware that Sport England's Sports Facilities Calculator (SFC) can help to provide an indication of the likely demand that will be generated by a development for certain facility types. The SFC indicates that a population of around 700 new residents in this local authority area will generate a demand for, an additional 57 visits per week to sports hall and 44 visits to a swimming pool. The capital cost needed to accommodate this demand would be around £258,000. The aforementioned Leisure facilities strategy should be used to identify in this additional demand can be accommodated in existing facilities or improvements would be needed at the facilities to cater for the demand or indeed new facilities would be required. A copy of the SFC results are attached.

Sport England is aware that the future replacement of Festival Hall/Kirkby Leisure centre we are not sure if the proposed site would be considered to fall within this catchment. In this regard can the Lammas LC or other local facilities accommodate the demand generated?

Active Environments

Sport England, in conjunction with Public Health England, has produced 'Active Design' (October 2015), a guide to planning new developments that create the right environment to help people get more active, more often in the interests of health and wellbeing. The guidance sets out ten key principles for ensuring new developments incorporate opportunities for people to take part in sport and physical activity. The Active Design principles are aimed at contributing towards the Government's desire for the planning system to promote healthy communities through good urban design. Sport England would commend the use of the guidance in the master planning process for new residential developments. The document can be downloaded via the following link:

<https://www.sportengland.org/how-we-can-help/facilities-and-planning/design-and-cost-guidance/active-design>

The original proposal provided a number of footpath/cycle routes and this proposal includes additional footpath links particularly into Brierley Park and the wider Phoenix Greenways beyond. Two points arise;

1. Do the indicative footpath connections link appropriately to the footpath network in Brierley Park? Should these be cycle links?
2. Do the footpath (cycleway) routes through the site improve access for the wider community.

The proposal does also provide the opportunity to check the scheme using the active design check list and case studies. In addition we have recently added information around putting the principles into practice. This bridges the gap between the high-level principles of Active Design and delivery in practice, we have worked with the Building Research Establishment (BRE) to link the overarching Active Design Principles with the individual scheme criterion in each of the BRE Environmental Assessment Methodology (BREEAM) family of schemes, including HQM, Communities and CEEQUAL.

Conclusion

This being the case, Sport England is not able to support the development until such time as the above points regarding off-site contributions to indoor, outdoor sports and active design.

We would be happy to discuss the above as required.

Yours sincerely,

Steve

Steve Beard

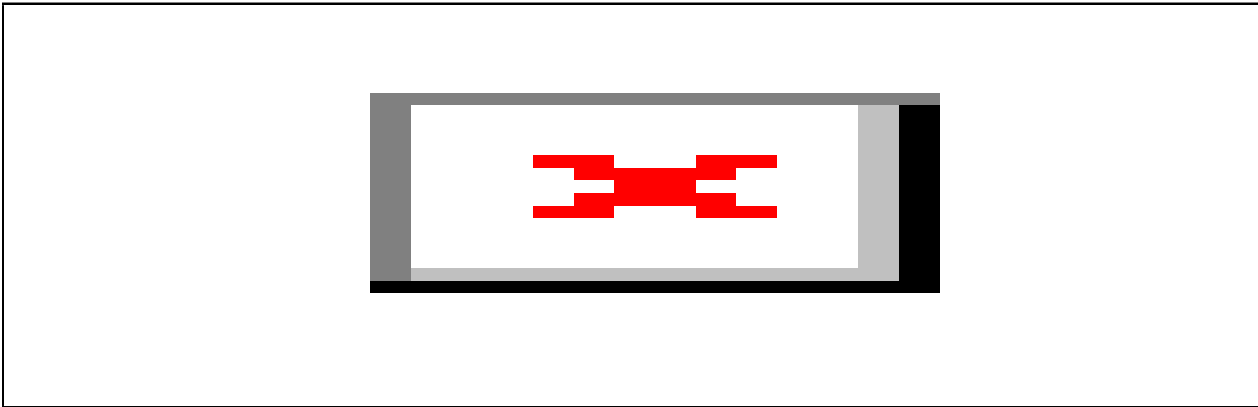
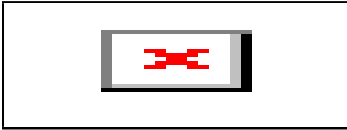
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