

Dear Kayleigh,

Thank you for reconsulting Sport England on the further information and plans in relation to the above application.

Sport England welcomes the response from the Agent to our comments.

The agent clarifies that the cricket pitch has been built out under 19/00008/REM permission. Contrary to the agent's assertion that Sport England did not object to any of the details approved under 19/00008/REM and withdrawn under 20/02520/REM, Sport England has no record of being consulted. We have therefore had no opportunity to comment on the detailed design; specification and layout of the cricket pitch.

In our response dated 21st August 2024, Sport England raised some issues in respect of the design; layout and specification of the MUGA/courts; and potential ball strike risk associated with use of the cricket pitch.

Sport England welcomes the clarification from the agent on the intention to undertake a specialist ball strike risk assessment. We also note that the proposed MUGA will be a dedicated tennis and football (5 x 5) facility. Sport England strongly recommends that the proposed MUGA is designed and constructed in accordance with Sport England's technical design guidance Artificial Surfaces for Outdoor Sport (2013). Please see: <https://www.sportengland.org/guidance-and-support/facilities-and-planning/design-and-cost-guidance/outdoor-surfaces>. A suitable multi-sport surface would be a sand-based artificial grass pitch.

Sport England notes the comments from the Havant Borough Council's Community Team and we support their comments including in relation to sports lighting the MUGA. Sport England supports the use of sports lights to ensure that community use of the facility can be maximised. The peak period for community sport is considered to be weekday evenings after 6pm and weekends. The installation of sports lighting will support community use of the facility especially for training purposes. Sport England's guidance on artificial lighting can be found: <https://www.sportengland.org/guidance-and-support/facilities-and-planning/design-and-cost-guidance/artificial-lighting>. This includes guidance on recommended lighting levels for different sports.

Sport England has no further comments to make and we are content to withdraw our objection and support the application in accordance with the Planning for Sport principles and planning objectives set out in our 21st August 2024 response.

Best wishes,

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