

Planning Application APP/24/00578 Town Park at the Berewood Phase 2 Development Site, London Road, Purbrook, Waterlooville

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The S106 agreement for the site states the below:

9.34 The Multi-Use Sports Pitch shall comprise of 4 full size tennis courts with regulation surrounds a porous macadam surface and a weldmesh perimeter fence provided to all sides with pedestrian and vehicular access gates in accordance with the design and constructional guidance contained in 'A Guide to the Design and Specification and Construction of Multi-Use Games Areas' Parts 1 and 2 published by Sport England and provided with time controlled floodlighting designed and installed to provide illumination in accordance with Sport England guidance and minimum light pollution to surrounding areas.

The above references the installation of sports floodlighting to the facility. There is no detail submitted regarding the floodlighting system. Please can this be provided.

As the facility is proposed to be a bookable facility for sport, access control and security is important, to ensure only those who have booked can enter the facility. Please can details be shared on what system will be installed to enable this to be well managed? Our recommendation would be to install an electronic gate lock system that can interact with participant booking systems and any floodlight timing system.

Whilst appreciating that the S106 agreement states the facility will be a bookable space for tennis and 5 a side football, clarity is required on the facilities intended purpose as a football facility i.e. is it intended for recreational informal football, or formal (FA recognised match play/competition/training)?

If formal football provision is the intended purpose, alongside the tennis provision, further engagement with the LTA and the FA as respective governing bodies is required in the design of a facility that meets with both sports' technical requirements. The current proposed facility with porous macadam surface is fit for tennis use, but is not fit for formal football use, which would require 3g artificial grass surfacing.

If informal recreational football is the intended purpose, then consideration needs to be given to the fact that there is already another multi use games area on the same site provided as part of phase one and there is also a proposed grass kickabout area as part of phase 2. Informal football is therefore already well catered for, and we would advise that the 5 a side football line markings would be unnecessary. In this instance we would recommend the facility is provided as a 4-court tennis facility only.

Furthermore, the current layout proposed would provide logistical challenges in the facilities management and provision of either football or tennis. Because the 5 a side

football pitch marking overlays 4 tennis courts, it means that all 4 sets of tennis nets and posts which are designed to be in place permanently, would need to be taken down to enable the facility to be used for football. There is also no football goals provided or built into the fence line of the facility as is best practice with the provision of a MUGA. This means that portable goals would need to be brought onto site, without clarity on where they could be stored.