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The Cowplain School, WaterlooVille APP/22/00837 and APP/22/00838

Response to HBC Leisure Officer comments dated 28/11/22

APP/22/00837 Erection of a 64 bed care home (within Use Class C2) and 6No. dwellings (within Use Class C3) with associated works including access, parking and landscaping. Land at Cowplain School, Hart Plain Avenue, WaterlooVille

Comments are raised regarding Sport England's response and that the queries raised should be addressed to their satisfaction.

The attached response from Sport England confirms that the issues have now been addressed and their objection is withdrawn. Please could the Leisure Officer confirm there is now no objection to the scheme?

APP/22/00838 Drainage works to improve drainage of school playing fields. Cowplain School, Hart Plain Avenue, WaterlooVille, PO8 8RY

The applicant welcomes the support of the drainage scheme and in response to the further details required please see the bullet points below:

- **Maintenance** – please see the attached maintenance schedule which was submitted to Sport England and accepted. This provides further information as requested regarding the ongoing management and maintenance arrangements for the drainage scheme, grass pitches and long jump pit.
- **Community Use Agreement** – The school is willing to enter into a community use agreement in order to secure accessible use of the facilities for community users. It has been agreed by Sport England that this can be secured by a planning condition.
- **Project management and construction process for the drainage scheme.** The school has appointed Kestrel Contracts Ltd to undertake the drainage work and they will manage the scheme to ensure it meets the design and technical requirements of the NGB's. They are a specialist sports pitch drainage contractor who have constructed and worked on numerous sport pitches which meet both SAPCA and Sport England standards. Kestrel have a close working relationship with The Ground Management Association (The GMA), who have conducted the design for the project. The GMA work closely with SPACA and are partners with the FA, Sport England, RFL and ECB. Kestrel and GMA have worked closely together on sports pitches ranging from professional sport clubs, parish councils, schools etc. The attached information from Kestrel has been submitted to Sport England who have accepted the management of the scheme and is provided for further information.

I trust this information is sufficient and the Leisure Officer can now support both applications.

Kind regards

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