

Consultee Comments for Planning Application APP/20/01019

Application Summary

Application Number: APP/20/01019

Address: Hooks Lane Ground Clubhouse, Fraser Road, Havant, PO9 3EJ

Proposal: Conversion of existing Multi-games play area (MUGA) into a car park, by way of, creating a connection through the existing car park serving the rugby club, and associated footpath and lighting alterations.

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From a landscape perspective we have the following comments in relation to this application:

- The loss of play provision in favour of a car park is deemed to be contrary to planning policy CS1 Health and Wellbeing which states;

Planning permission will be granted for development which,

1. Retains open spaces, including childrens play space, which are valued by local communities unless a superior alternative can be provided.

2. Improves existing open spaces by incorporating high quality features, accessibility and appearance.

3. Contributes effectively to the opportunities for increasing cycling for all types of trips.

- We have concerns with construction and subsequent compaction falling within the root protection area (RPA) of existing trees and any damage or loss of trees would be deemed a negative impact on the landscape. Whilst the tree details drawing no. 2019_19/005 indicates hand only on the Type B1 footway between T1 and T2 addresses the impact of the excavation. It is noted that a significant amount of kerbing and edging being installed within the RPA and the linear nature of the kerb line coupled with the excavation depth could have impact on the roots have and assurances need to be provided to mitigate that issue. Furthermore we are conscious of the

potential compaction of roots due to the change of use and vehicles parking within the RPA of the trees.

- Clarity on Boundary details for the proposed car park are unclear, the drawings indicate sections to be removed. We are concerned with the possible tension created by retaining the football goal and basketball net and those being used whilst vehicles are parked. Our preference would be for the fence to be fully removed and replaced with dragon teeth of a knee rail to create a more open vernacular.

- Soft landscaping should be used to screen the car park from the recreation ground, this should be in the form of native hedging and small/medium native trees to mitigate any loss of trees and retain the character of the park. This screening should also be present on the western boundary to alleviate the visual prominence of the car park from the school and also reduce the impact of head light glare into the school.

Kind regards,

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