

FAO Ms D Haywood

Dear MS Haywood,

Thank you for consulting Sport England on the above planning application. The site is considered to constitute playing field, or land last used as playing field, as defined in The Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 (Statutory Instrument 2015 No. 595). As such Sport England is a statutory consultee.

Sport England has sought to consider the application in light of the National Planning Policy Framework (particularly Para. 97) and against its own playing fields policy. Unfortunately there is insufficient information to enable Sport England to adequately assess the proposal or to make a substantive response. Please therefore could the following information be provided as soon as possible:

1. We take issue with the local planning authority's interpretation over with the playing field directive in relation to the skate park. The Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2010. The skate park clearly impacts on playing field.

Sport England would be grateful for a statement on why Havant Bourgh Council does not think the skate park requires planning permission, whereas the new play area does.

2. The area affected by the development of the play area and skate park is on an area of land sufficient to accommodate an u7/u8 football pitch. Therefore justification under paragraph 97 of the national planning policy framework is required for this part of the proposal.

I should point out we have no issues with the proposal for the improved drainage.

Sport England's Playing Fields Policy and Guidance document, which includes the type of information required in order for us to evaluate a planning application against our policy, can be viewed via the below link: www.sportengland.org/playingfieldspolicy (see Annex B)

Sport England's interim position on this proposal is to submit a holding objection. However we will happily review our position following the receipt of all the further information requested above. As I am currently unable to make a substantive response, in accordance with the Order referred to above, the 21 days for formally responding to the consultation will not commence until I have received all the information requested above.

Should the local planning authority be minded to grant planning permission for the proposal, contrary to Sport England's holding objection, then in accordance with The Town and Country Planning (Consultation) (England) Direction 2009, the application should be referred to the Secretary of State, via the National Planning Casework Unit.

I would be happy to discuss the requested information further with the local planning authority if necessary.

Yours sincerely,

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