

Dear Mr Oliver,

Thank you for consulting Sport England on the above application.

Sport England – Non Statutory Role and Policy

The Government, within their Planning Practice Guidance (Open Space, Sports and Recreation Facilities Section) advises Local Planning Authorities to consult Sport England on a wide range of applications: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/open-space-sports-and-recreation-facilities-public-rights-of-way-and-local-green-space#open-space-sports-and-recreation-facilities> .

This application falls within the scope of the above guidance as it relates to major housing development over 300 dwellings.

Sport England assesses this type of application in light of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and against its own planning objectives, which are Protect - To protect the right opportunities in the right places; Enhance - To enhance opportunities through better use of existing provision; Provide - To provide new opportunities to meet the needs of current and future generations. Further information on the objectives and Sport England's wider planning guidance can be found on its website:
<http://www.sportengland.org/planningforsport>

The occupiers of new development, especially residential, will generate demand for sporting provision. The existing provision within an area may not be able to accommodate this increased demand without exacerbating existing and/or predicted future deficiencies. Therefore, Sport England considers that new developments should contribute towards meeting the demand that they generate through the provision of on-site facilities and/or providing additional capacity off-site. The level and nature of any provision should be informed by a robust evidence base such as an up to date Sports Facilities Strategy, Playing Pitch Strategy or other relevant needs assessment.

Sport England is aware that Havant Borough Council is currently undertaking work on a new Playing Pitch Strategy (PPS) for its area in accordance with Sport England's guidance. While the work is not yet complete, it is well-advanced and the emerging strategy is identifying a number of issues in relation to meeting its current and future needs for sport. For example, the draft strategy identifies that in the future over the lifetime of the local plan (2036) there is likely to be a significant deficit of Youth 11v11 football pitches to meet demand. Sport England would not expect a development of this size to provide on-site sports facilities but we would expect a contribution to be made to provide for

new or improved existing off-site sports facilities to ensure that demand created by the new development can be met.

Sport England considers that the proposal does not make clear how the demand for sport and recreation generated by the new development will be met. Sport England has used its own planning tool, the Sports Facility Calculator to identify the level of contribution that might be required to meet the needs of a development this size within Havant Borough. The figures are based on a new population of 800 people (320 dwellings at an average occupancy ratio of 2.5 persons per household, please note this figure may need to be adjusted) across a select number of facility types (indoor and outdoor).

Sports Halls	
Demand	0%
adjusted by	
Courts	0.22
Halls	0.05
vpwpp	48
Cost	£144,774

Swimming Pools	
Demand	0%
adjusted by	
Square meters	8.17
Lanes	0.15
Pools	0.04
vpwpp	49
Cost	£155,553

Artificial Grass Pitches	
Demand	0%
adjusted by	
Pitches	0.02
vpwpp	16
Cost if 3G	£23,190
Cost if Sand	£20,907

Indoor Bowls	
Demand	0%
adjusted by	
Rinks	0.06
Centres	0.01
vpwpp	10
Cost	£25,884

*Projection for 2018, based on 2011 Census data and modified by 2014-based Subnational Population Projections for Local Authorities. Adapted from data from the Office for National Statistics licensed under the Open Government Licence v.3.0. London boroughs modified by GLA 2016 -based Demographic Projections - ward projections, SHLAA-based, © Greater London Authority, 2017.

The figures highlighted above are indicative with the aim of identifying the level of contribution that may be required to make the development acceptable in planning terms capable of meeting our planning objective 3 – to provide new facilities to meet demand. This should be considered alongside any local assessment of need and strategic work in the form of a PPS or an up to date built/sports facilities strategy (for indoor sports).

The Proposal and Assessment against Sport England's Objectives and the NPPF

On the basis of the lack of detail within the supporting documentation as to how this proposal will meet the additional demand for sport and recreation generated by the new development, Sport England wishes to object to the proposal, as it is considered to conflict with Objective 2 and 3 to enhance existing facilities or provide new facilities to meet demand. We would welcome further discussion with the local authority and/or agent/applicant to better understand the considerations given to making sufficient sport and recreation provision available as part of the development

If this application is to be presented to a Planning Committee, Sport England would like to be notified in advance of the meeting date(s) and the publication of any agenda(s) and report(s). Sport England would also like to be notified of the outcome of the application through the receipt of a copy of the decision notice.

If you would like any further information or advice please contact me at the address below.

Yours sincerely,

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