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Dear Mr Oliver

Thank you for consulting Sport England on the above named application and for agreeing an extension to the consultation period until Friday 21 April. However, Sport England has received comments from the FA earlier than anticipated and can now respond.

It is understood that the proposal prejudices the use, or leads to the loss of use, of land being used as a playing field or has been used as a playing field in the last five years, as defined in The Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 (Statutory Instrument 2015 No. 595). The consultation with Sport England is therefore a statutory requirement.

Sport England has considered the application in light of the National Planning Policy Framework (particularly Para 74) and Sport England's Playing Fields Policy, which is presented within its Planning Policy Statement titled 'A Sporting Future for the Playing Fields of England' (see link below): www.sportengland.org/playingfieldspolicy.

Sport England's policy is to oppose the granting of planning permission for any development which would lead to the loss of, or prejudice the use of, all/part of a playing field, unless one or more of the five exceptions stated in its policy apply.

Sport England has consulted the FA on the proposed replacement of the 3G artificial pitch surface and ground improvement works and has received the following comments. The FA comment that the replacement surface is necessary to bring the pitch up to a standard to enable it to be included on the FA register of Football Turf Pitches and therefore used for competitive matches. The FA consider the project is a priority as the facility is well used by local partner clubs, Cowplain and Horndean Youth, in particular. The works to construct a spectator area and goal recesses are to enable the facility to be brought into line with current standards. The FA confirms that the specification for the works has been produced by SSL who are an FA approved contractor.

Having assessed the application, Sport England is satisfied that the proposed development meets a combination of the following Sport England Policy exceptions:

E5 - The proposed development is for an indoor or outdoor sports facility, the provision of which would be of sufficient benefit to the development of sport as to outweigh the detriment caused by the loss of the playing field or playing fields;

E2 - The proposed development is ancillary to the principal use of the site as a playing field or playing fields, and does not affect the quantity or quality of pitches or adversely affect their use.

This being the case, Sport England is **content to support this application**.

The absence of an objection to this application in the context of the Town and Country Planning Act, does not in any way commit Sport England or any National Governing Body of Sport to support for any related funding application.

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

Yours sincerely,

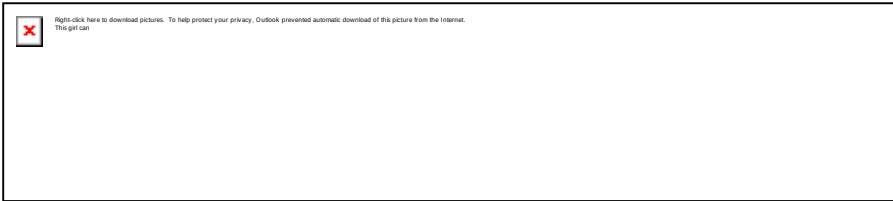
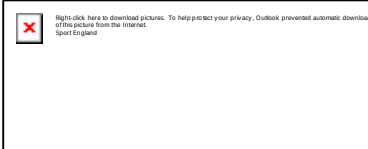
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