

Thank you for consulting Sport England on the above application.

The proposed development does not fall within either our statutory remit (Statutory Instrument 2014 No. 1613 Planning Policy Guidance (PPG) Par. 003 Ref. ID: 37-003-20140306) and, therefore, Sport England has no role in this case, but would wish to give the following advice to aid the assessment of this application.

General guidance and advice can however be found on our website:

<https://www.sportengland.org/how-we-can-help/facilities-and-planning/planning-for-sport#planning>

If the proposal involves the **loss of any sports facility**, then full consideration should be given to whether the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) is in accordance with local policies to protect social infrastructure. If a Playing Pitch Strategy or Built Sports Facility Strategy that the local authority has in place.

If the proposal involves the provision of a **new sports facility**, then consideration should be given to whether set out in any approved Playing Pitch Strategy or Built Sports Facility Strategy that the local authority ensure they are fit for purpose, such facilities should be designed in accordance with Sport England's Design Body, design guidance notes:

<http://sportengland.org/facilities-planning/tools-guidance/design-and-cost-guidance/>

If the proposal involves the provision of additional **housing**, then it will generate additional demand. If the local authority does not have the capacity to absorb the additional demand, then new and/or improved sports facilities should be provided in accordance with any approved local policy for social infrastructure, and priorities set out in any Playing Pitch Strategy that the local authority has in place.

In line with the Government's NPPF (including Section 8) and PPG (Health and wellbeing section), developments, especially how **any new development**, especially for new housing, will provide opportunities for people to live and play in their communities. Sport England's Active Design guidance can be used to help with this when developing new developments. It provides ten principles to help ensure the design and layout of development encourages and promotes active living and activity.

NPPF Section 8: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/national-planning-policy-framework/8-promoting->

PPG Health and wellbeing section: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/health-and-wellbeing>

Sport England's Active Design Guidance: <https://www.sportengland.org/how-we-can-help/facilities/guidance/active-design>

Please note: this response relates to Sport England's planning function only. It is not associated with any application/award that may relate to the site.

Yours sincerely,

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