

Planning Application – Design, Access & Supporting Statement

Property name: Warblington School

Property address: Southleigh Road, Havant, Hampshire PO9 2RR

Works: Variation of condition to update the Management Plan to allow adult lets during June and July at Warblington School

Approved Application

In February 2010, a planning application was submitted for Warblington School proposing to construct two synthetic turf pitches (101.5 x 63m) with fourteen 15m high floodlighting columns, 1.2m, 3m, 4.5m and 6m high green weldmesh ball stop fencing, spectator viewing areas, and associated drainage (application reference: 10/53510/006). Planning permission for this application was granted on 6 January 2011 and a non-material amendment was submitted and granted in April 2013. Planning approval for this project is subject to 19 planning conditions.

The fourth planning condition is:

"Prior to development commencing, a Management Plan for the use of the pitches outside of the normal school day shall be submitted for approval in writing to the Local Planning Authority. The scheme should be implemented as approved. The school management, W & D Residents Association, Havant Hockey Club and other invited members shall be continually involved in the Management Plan."

This application seeks approval for a variation of this condition.

Brief

The original Management Plan and application for planning permission were both based on two synthetic turf pitches rather than the single pitch now constructed under that approval. The original Management Plan was also based upon Havant Hockey Club using the site as their home ground with the anticipation of providing for spectators as well as players (refer para 3.7.1 and 4.1.2 of the original Management Plan).

The net result of the changes made and included within the scheme submitted as a non material amendment, is a significant reduction in the amount of noise and disruption that would have otherwise been associated with the original scheme. The primary focus of the revised scheme is for educational use and community lettings and not competitive matches associated with the Hockey Club scheme.

Paragraph 4.6.1 of the original Management Plan states that 'An STP will not be available for hire to adult football teams during the months of June and July.' This therefore implies that the other STP would not incur such restrictions.

There is a proven demand for community use of the facility; limiting lets in June and July places a disproportionate restriction on groups that would then have to make special arrangements for these two months. Ultimately this would make the facility less viable as a community venue for the groups who already use it.

It is proposed to update the approved Management Plan to allow adult lets during June and July at the school for the reason stated above.