



To whom it may concern

WATERLOOVILLE CRICKET CLUB

I understand that the above club (WCC) is hoping to erect new training facilities at their Rowlands Avenue ground and that they will be shortly or may already have, applied for planning permission. I would like this letter to be considered in support of any such application.

I am a former officer of the Club serving in several capacities for about 25 years. In addition I was also a resident of the borough and am very familiar with the demographics of the area.

There is no question that the Club requires substantially improved facilities if it is to continue its striving to regain its prominence in the region. Achieving any sort of excellence requires high quality practice facilities. In my period at the club we were severely hampered and frustrated by the lack of safe training facilities and there is no doubt that the sub standard facilities had a detrimental effect on recruitment.

In the light of the location of the ground it is essential that any improvements are safe and secure. I know that the blight of vandalism is one that the Club continues to live with.

The Club has always had a vibrant, active and successful Youth section. Any analysis of Club sides and indeed Club successes at the Indoor and outdoor game over the last 30 years will show sides packed with home grown players. The lifeblood of the Club has always been its Youth and Colts teams and this has been in spite of the paucity of good facilities and due entirely to the enthusiasm and commitment of Club officers.

The very nature of the local population is another reason why a quality facility that develops young people's skills and interests is vital.

I am more than happy to expand on any of the above and once again would like to register my wholehearted support for this application.

Yours faithfully

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