

Thank you for consulting Sport England on the above application.

Non-statutory planning advice

The proposed development does not fall within our statutory remit (Statutory Instrument 2015/595) and we have provided a detailed response in this case, but would wish to give the following advice to aid the assessment.

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

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

Loss of sports facilities

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

New sports facilities

If the proposal involves the provision of a new sports facility, then consideration should be given to whether the proposal is in accordance with any approved Playing Pitch Strategy or Built Sports Facility Strategy that the local authority may have in place. For this purpose, such facilities should be designed in accordance with design guidance notes produced by the National Governing Body.

- Design Guidance notes: <http://sportengland.org/facilities-planning/tools-guidance/design-and-construction>

Meeting the needs of new housing

If the proposal involves the provision of additional **housing**, then it will generate additional demand for sports facilities. 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 line with any approved local policy for social infrastructure, and priorities set out in any Playing Pitch Strategy that the local authority has in place. Our Sports Facility Calculator is a tool that can be used to estimate the additional demand for sports facilities from a new population and convert that demand into sport facility requirements with information on how the tool is available on the link below.

- Sports Facility Calculator: <https://www.activeplacespower.com/>

Other relevant guidance, tools and contacts

Active Design

In line with the Government's NPPF (including Section 8) and PPG (Health and wellbeing section), new development, especially new housing, will provide opportunities for people to lead healthy lifestyles and active communities. England's Active Design guidance can be used to help with this when developing or assessing a proposal. The guidance is intended to help ensure the design and layout of development encourages and promotes participation in sport and physical activity.

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

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-a-guidance/active-design>

Planning conditions

We maintain a list of model planning conditions covering issues such as - creation of new playing fields, sports lighting and community use.

Community Use Agreements (CUA)

Central Government wishes to see the availability of sports facilities to the wider community when they see schools being at the heart of local communities. To help with this ambition we have developed

- Planning Conditions and Community Use Agreements: <https://www.sportengland.org/guidance-a-planning/planning-sport/planning-applications>

National Governing Bodies of Sport

Although Sport England is not in a position to provide a detailed response on this occasion, where relevant, we will provide a response based on the guidance provided by recognised sport National Governing Bodies (NGBs), a list of which is available on our website.

- NGBs: <https://www.sportengland.org/guidance-and-support/national-governing-bodies?section=1>

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

Yours sincerely,

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