Wiltshire Council

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By email

11th April 2024

Town & Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015
Application Ref: PL/2023/10811
Site: Site of former Bromham Social Centre New Road, Bromham
Proposal: Hybrid (Full and Outline) Planning Application descriptions (i) and (ii)

(i) Outline application (with all matters reserved) for further community facilities, including a new sports pavilion, village shop, two possible future extensions to the Community Hub building, a relocated play park and 4 residential dwellings

(ii) Full planning application for the Bromham Community Hub building, car park extension and associated landscaping works, and regularisation of the use of the existing temporary cabin, up until occupation of the new Bromham Community Hub only

Sport England Reference: PA/24/SW/WSH/66980

Dear Jonathan,

Thank you for re-consulting Sport England on the above application with additional information.

The Additional information

We have reviewed the additional information and none of the revisions have determinantal impact on the existing playing fields. Therefore, our position remains the same as in our formal response dated 22nd February 2023

For Clarity: Sport England's Position

Sport England raises **no objection** to the application because it is considered to accord with exceptions 2 and 3 of our Playing Fields Policy and paragraph 103 of the NPPF.

If this application is to be presented to a Planning Committee, we would like to be notified in advance of the publication of any committee agenda(s), report(s) and committee date(s). Please notify Sport England of the outcome of the planning application.

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

We would encourage the applicants to engage with Sport England regarding the design of the Sports pavilion before a planning application is submitted.

If you would like any further information or advice, please contact the undersigned.

Yours sincerely,

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Annex

The Five Exceptions to Sport England's Playing Fields Policy

Exception 1
A robust and up-to-date assessment has demonstrated, to the satisfaction of Sport England, that there is an excess of playing field provision in the catchment, which will remain the case should the development be permitted, and the site has no special significance to the interests of sport.

Exception 2
The proposed development is for ancillary facilities supporting the principal use of the site as a playing field, and does not affect the quantity or quality of playing pitches or otherwise adversely affect their use.

Exception 3
The proposed development affects only land incapable of forming part of a playing pitch and does not:

- reduce the size of any playing pitch;
- result in the inability to use any playing pitch (including the maintenance of adequate safety margins and run-off areas);
- reduce the sporting capacity of the playing field to accommodate playing pitches or the capability to rotate or reposition playing pitches to maintain their quality;
- result in the loss of other sporting provision or ancillary facilities on the site; or
- prejudice the use of any remaining areas of playing field on the site.

Exception 4
The area of playing field to be lost as a result of the proposed development will be replaced, prior to the commencement of development, by a new area of playing field:

- of equivalent or better quality, and
- of equivalent or greater quantity, and
- in a suitable location, and
- subject to equivalent or better accessibility and management arrangements.

Exception 5
The proposed development is for an indoor or outdoor facility for sport, the provision of which would be of sufficient benefit to the development of sport as to outweigh the detriment caused by the loss, or prejudice to the use, of the area of playing field.

The full 'Playing Fields Policy and Guidance Document' is available to view at:
www.sportengland.org/playingfieldspolicy