

Arun District Council

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By email

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Planning Practice Guidance Paragraph: 003 Reference ID: 37-003-20140306

Application Ref: AL/11/24/OUT

Site: Land East of Westergate Westergate

Proposal: Development for up to 400 dwellings

Sport England Reference: PA/24/SE/AR/66937

Thank you for consulting Sport England on the above application.

Summary

Non-statutory consultee role

Sport England raises no objection to this application subject to financial contributions towards off site indoor and outdoor sport facilities being secured through a s.106 obligation in accordance with Council policies.

Sport England – Non-statutory consultee role

The Government, within their Planning Practice Guidance (Open Space, Sports and Recreation Facilities Section) advises Local Planning Authorities to consult Sport England on a wide range of applications. <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/open-space-sports-and-recreation-facilities-public-rights-of-way-and-local-green-space#open-space-sports-and-recreation-facilities>

This application falls within the scope of the above guidance as it relates to residential development of more than 300 dwellings.

Sport England assesses this type of application in light of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and against its own planning objectives, which are Protect – To protect the right opportunities in the right places; Enhance – To enhance opportunities through better use of existing provision; Provide – To provide new opportunities to meet the needs of current and future generations. Further information on the objectives and Sport England's wider planning guidance can be found on its website:

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

The occupiers of new development, especially residential, will generate demand for sporting provision. Existing provision within an area may not be able to

accommodate this increased demand without exacerbating existing and/or predicted future deficiencies. Therefore, Sport England considers that new developments should contribute towards meeting the demand that they generate through the provision of on-site facilities and/or providing additional capacity off-site. The level and nature of any provision should be informed by a robust evidence base such as an up-to-date Sports Facilities Strategy, Playing Pitch Strategy or other relevant needs assessment.

The Proposal and Assessment against Sport England's Objectives and the NPPF

The current application relates to the western portion of the Barnham, Eastergate and Westergate (BEW) strategic site allocation in the Arun Local Plan 2011-2031 adopted 2018. Policy H SP2c (SD5) identifies the allocation will provide at least 2,300 dwellings over the plan period and up to 3000 in total.

In January 2020 the Council adopted its Sports and Open Spaces Developer Contributions SPD, that for playing pitches and indoor sports provision (sports halls and swimming pools) uses Sports England's facility calculators to identify the necessary level of on site or off-site provision required. It is recognised that the subsequent adoption of its Community Infrastructure Levy means that the SPD is not relevant to every development across the LA area now. However, as a strategic allocation it is understood that BEW allocation is zero rated for CIL and that infrastructure will be secured through a s.106 legal obligation.

Subject to the Council seeking contributions towards outdoor and indoor sports facilities in accordance with its SPD to be secured through a s.106 obligation Sport England has no objection to the proposal.

Active Design

The latest version of Sport England's Active Design guidance (AD3) was published in May 2023. The guidance sets out ten principles to help ensure the design and layout of development encourages and promotes participation in sport and physical activity. The principles are aimed at contributing to the Government's objective for the planning system to promote healthy communities through good design (paragraph 8 of the NPPF). Active Design complements the ten characteristics of well-designed places set out in the National Design Guide (NDG) and is considered part of the framework which underpins both that and the National Model Design Code (NMDC). Sport England would encourage applicants to use AD3 to help ensure their proposals are developed in accordance with the NPPF (with specific regard to paragraph 8, Section 8 and Section 12), the National Design Guide and the National Model Design Code.

The LPA may wish to use the Active Design Checklist as the basis of a condition attached to any grant of planning permission through which the success of incorporating Active Design and related characteristics of well-designed places can be measured.

Further information is available at <https://www.sportengland.org/how-we-can-help/facilities-and-planning/design-and-cost-guidance/active-design>

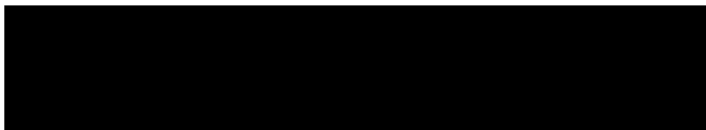
If this application is to be presented to a Planning Committee, we would like to be notified in advance of the publication of any committee agenda(s), report(s) and committee date(s). Please notify Sport England of the outcome of the planning application.

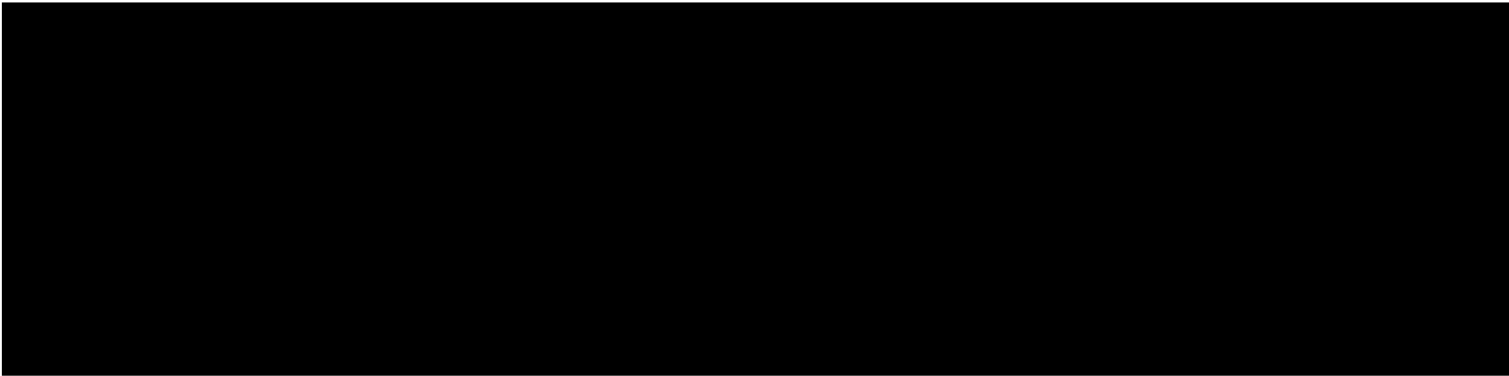
If you would like any further information or advice, please contact the undersigned

Yours sincerely,

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Please find attached our response to the above application consultation.

Yours sincerely,

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