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In response to the planning application for the sports hub at Palmer Road recreation Ground.

I would wish to make the following comments.

1. Angmering Sports And Recreation Association representing Angmering Football Club and Angmering Cricket Club , have a long history of providing community sports and recreation facilities , managing and maintaining the site, in partnership with Arun and the Parish Council, including the funding and construction of the existing Pavilion by volunteer local residents necessary as the old pavilion was due to be demolished by ADC without plans to build a replacement, which is reflected in the conditions of our sub lease and license , and prior to the construction of the existing building the local sports clubs have always managed the pitches since the recreation ground was built in 1952. and the same self determination applied on the two previous recreation ground sites going back to at least 1910.we are therefore extremly concerned at being pushed aside and to be losing our independence.
2. If the developement goes ahead without the additional pitches on the ajacent land, but not covered by this application. it will mean the end of cricket in Angmering , and will seriously effect football , during construction , little or no football will be played , after construction without the addition pitches the only adult pitch will be the 3g.
3. The current cost of hiring a 3g pitch in Arun would increase our current pitch hire budget 3 fold , putting the future for the club at great risk. We are a grass roots club our players pay us to play, and in the case of the youth teams that burden would fall on the parents, lose of our facilities would mean the lose of our club house and team bar and put at put our main fund raisers (six a side tournaments and fun days at risk of being unviable.
4. We would question the viability of the 3g pitch , whilst without doubt would be an advantage to have an all weather facility especially for training and the worst of the winter weather, the cost of construction , the relitive short live of the surface (10 years)and the cost of replacement, I would estimate it would need 50hours use per week at the current hire rate just to cover the cost of the replacement, that is without the on going cost of mainenance and the running cost.
5. Sadly ADC do not have a good record in respect of the maintenance of the 3 g pitches in the area , and until the new surface was installed at felpham none of the 3g pitches were approved by the Football association for match play.
6. From the environmental position how do you justify converting 750 to 800 sq metres of managed grass land to an inert patch covered in plastic , which is not recyclable, and top dress it with rubber crumb which is classed as a micro plastic. which is about to be banned by the EU.
7. Without the additional land this development will drastially reduce the open space available to the residents of Angmering.
8. Surface water is already a problem , some of the gardens in decoy drive are prone to flooding, with all the additional hard surface not just the3g but all the addition hard surface needed due to moving the access from the existing is not going to help in any way.

9. In short Whilst we in no way against the provision of additional sports facilities this is the right project on the wrong site and will put at risk organised sport for Angmering .
10. What is desperately needed is a replacement pavilion, an effective surface water drainage system , and security of tenure for the clubs to allow them to seek funding towards the pitch maintenance.
11. Mr Ron Hammore Chairman of Angmering Sports and recreation Association , and Secretary Angmering Football Club