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Dear Anita

Thank you for consulting Sport England on the above application.

Sport England – Statutory Role and Policy

It is understood that the proposal prejudices the use, or leads to the loss of use, of land being used as a playing field or has been used as a playing field in the last five years, as defined in the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 (Statutory Instrument 2015 No. 595). The consultation with Sport England is therefore a statutory requirement.

Sport England has considered the application in light of the National Planning Policy Framework (particularly Para 74) and Sport England's Playing Fields Policy, which is presented within its 'Playing Fields Policy and Guidance Document': www.sportengland.org/playingfieldspolicy

Sport England's policy is to oppose the granting of planning permission for any development which would lead to the loss of, or prejudice the use of, all/part of a playing field, unless one or more of the five exceptions stated in its policy apply.

The Proposal and Impact on Playing Field

It is proposed to build housing in a field immediately to the north of an existing playing field. This playing field would appear to currently support both football and hockey. The proposal also includes in the provision of a new football field.

Assessment against Sport England Policy/NPPF

In assessing this application I consulted both the Football Foundation and the ECB.

The ECB states that Angmering CC play at Angmering Sports & Social Cub (ASSC). The ASSC ground is adjacent to the proposed development. Angmering CC currently only have one team and play friendly fixtures on Sundays. There is no grass square at ASSC and the games are played on a non turf pitch. The ECB recommend that a risk assessment be undertaken by a company such as Labosport (www.labosport.com) to identify any requirement for ball strike netting to be erected. Without a risk assessment, there is a risk of ball strike to any neighbouring housing development which may prejudice the existing pitch.

The Football Foundation do not consider that the existing playing field is potentially prejudiced in terms of football. They comment that the Arun Playing Pitch Strategy identifies a shortage of 3 adult pitches, 4.5 (11v11) and 4.5 (9v9) youth pitches in the east area. This supports the application for additional pitch provision. The FF also have the following requirements of the proposed pitch, which could potentially be satisfied by way of a condition:

Design - Natural Turf Pitches should be designed by a RIPTA registered agronomist to meet The FA Performance Quality Standard (PQS).

- **Construction** –The construction of Natural Turf Pitches should be project managed or signed off by the same RIPTA registered agronomist that produced the design.
- **Quality** – Pitches should pass a PQS test to a 'good' standard before the pitches are used. The testing should be arranged via the FA Pitch Improvement Programme.
- **Maintenance** - In order to keep the quality of the pitches, an appropriate maintenance programme is agreed in-line with the design agronomist recommendations
- **Recommended sizes:**
 - Over 18 and Adult (11v11) 100 x 64, (106 x 70m including safety run-off area)
- **Run-off:**
 - A minimum safety run off 3m must be provided.
 - Run off areas must be free from obstructions and be of the same surface as the playing area.
 - The site operator must undertake a risk assessment to ensure that the run off area is safe and does not pose a risk of injury to a player or spectator. This would include structures immediately outside this 3m area.

Providing the pitch provision is built to the required specification, adequate parking and changing facilities are available, the Football Foundation would potentially support this application.

Conclusion

In light of the above, Sport England **objects** to the application because it is not considered to accord with any of the exceptions to Sport England's Playing Fields Policy or with Paragraph 74 of the NPPF. This is because, in the absence of a risk assessment with regard to the potential for ball strike from the neighbouring cricket field, there is the strong potential for the existing playing field to be prejudiced. Sport England will be happy to reconsider its position should such a risk assessment be provided to the ECB's satisfaction.

Should the local planning authority be minded to grant planning permission for the proposal, contrary to Sport England's objection then in accordance with The Town and Country Planning (Consultation) (England) Direction 2009, the application should be referred to the Secretary of State, via the National Planning Casework Unit.

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 agendas, report(s) and committee date(s). We would be grateful if you would advise us of the outcome of the application by sending us a copy of the decision notice.

If you would like any further information or advice please contact me at the address below

Yours sincerely,

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