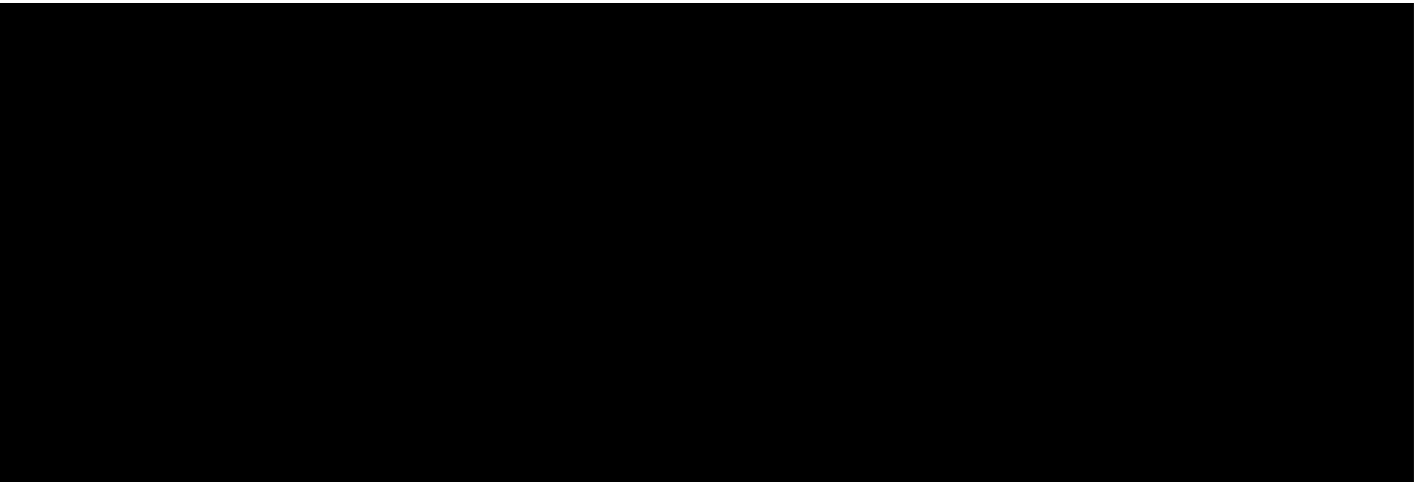


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From: Jo Edwards [REDACTED]
Sent: 10 August 2021 16:58
To: Amber Willard <Amber.Willard@arun.gov.uk>
Subject: App Ref: BR/182/21/PL - Bognor Regis Sports Club, PO21 2UU - Sport England Ref: PA/21/SE/AR/59239

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Dear Amber,

Installation of non turf practice batting facility

Thank you for consulting Sport England on this application.

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 (in particular Para. 97), and against its own playing fields policy, which states:

'Sport England will oppose the granting of planning permission for any development which would lead to the loss of, or would prejudice the use of:

- all or any part of a playing field, or
- land which has been used as a playing field and remains undeveloped, or
- land allocated for use as a playing field

unless, in the judgement of Sport England, the development as a whole meets with one or more of five specific exceptions.'

Sport England's Playing Fields Policy and Guidance document can be viewed via the below link:

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

Having assessed the application, Sport England is satisfied that the proposed development meets exception 2 of our playing fields policy, in that:

'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.'

In assessing the application I have consulted with the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB) who have commented that the proposed facility will replace the existing nets that are poorly located in the car park and incorrectly orientated. The proposed facility fully complies with the ECB's TS6 guidance. The ECB consider that the new facility will provide the club with substantially more flexibility with training sessions for all age groups from junior to senior cricket and support the club to retain and attract new players, with the club successfully growing its junior membership in recent years. It will also allow the club to run all training activity on their outfield and nets, without the need for players to transition across the car park between the two areas.

This being the case, Sport England **does not wish to raise an objection** to this application.

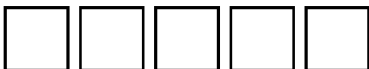
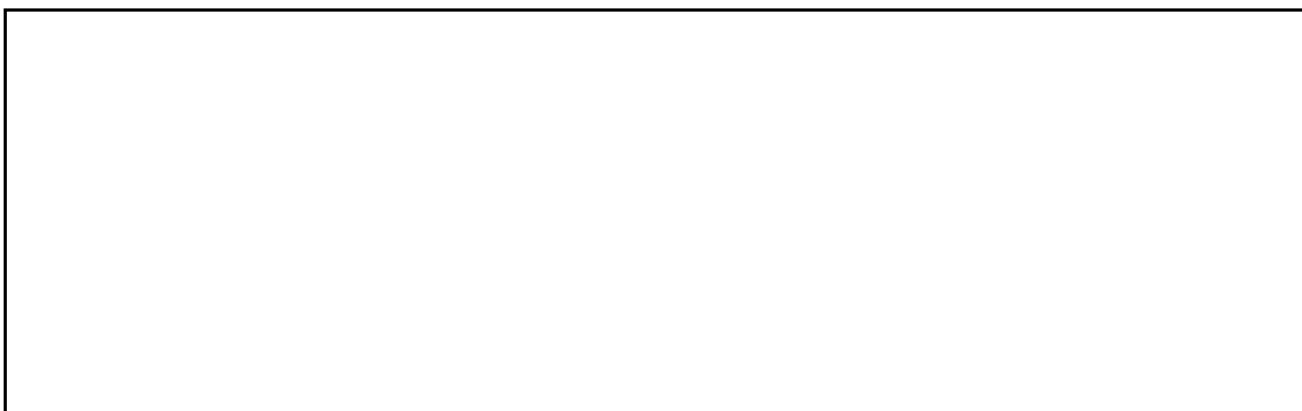
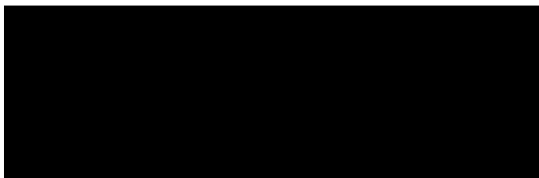
The absence of an objection to this application, in the context of the Town and Country Planning Act, cannot be taken as formal support or consent from Sport England or any National Governing Body of Sport to any related funding application, or as may be required by virtue of any pre-existing funding agreement.

If you would like any further information or advice please contact me.

Yours sincerely

Jo

Jo Edwards
Planning Manager



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