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Subject: App Ref: BR/316/17/PL - Felpham Recreation Ground - Sport England Ref: SE/AR/2017/47458/S

Dear Simon

Thank you for consulting Sport England on the above named 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 (particularly Para 74) and Sport England's Playing Fields Policy, which is presented within its Planning Policy Statement titled 'A Sporting Future for the Playing Fields of England' (see link below):
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.

Having assessed the application, which is for an extension so to the existing pavilion, Sport England is satisfied that the proposed development meets the following Sport England Policy exception:

E2 - The proposed development is ancillary to the principal use of the site as a playing field or playing fields, and does not affect the quantity or quality of pitches or adversely affect their use.

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

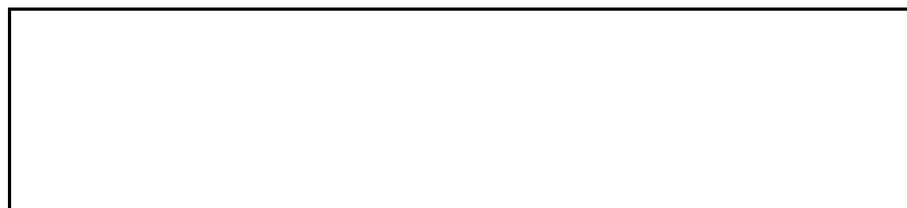
Sport England also consulted the ECB while previously considering a similar application on this site, who confirmed that the existing facility is in need of an update and there have been discussions between the club and the local cricket development officer, who urge the club to consider the ECB technical specification to ensure that the facility is more sustainable. Sport England would also strongly encourage that the applicant and club work with the ECB in order to ensure that the development meets their technical specification.

The absence of an objection to this application in the context of the Town and Country Planning Act, does not in any way commit Sport England or any National Governing Body of Sport to support for any related funding application.

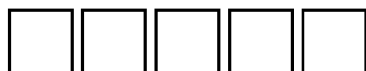
If you would like any further information or advice please contact the undersigned at the address below.

Yours sincerely,

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