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BN12 5QP

Dear Mrs Hargreaves,

Town & Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended)
Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015

Application for Planning Permission

Development: The proposal involves the installation of a new double non-turf cricket training strip (astro wicket) within the existing playing field at Little Twitten Recreation Ground, Ferring. The works will replace the club's current worn-out, unsafe, and uncompliant astro surface with a new ECB-approved synthetic surface, re-oriented for improved safety and usability but remaining in a consistent location near the pavilion and unlike other areas of the field allows practice to be performed safely without the need for a permanent net cage structure.

The new wicket will be installed on a dynamic aggregate base using the Notts Sport Envelope System®, with a NottsGrass Ultra surface. The strip will be slightly extended to ensure bowlers land on the synthetic surface rather than grass, preventing damage to the outfield and improving safety of players and walkers using the field alike.

The orientation will be rotated from east-west to south-north, directing play safely towards the pavilion and away from the main field used by the public and cricketers. The change in orientation is consistent with ECB guidance that all wickets have a north-south orientation to ensure that players are not contending with the sun in their eyes and risking injury from missing a ball because of it. The current set up also means when a match is taking place anyone within the mobile netting is not safe from the match ball being hit into it, with a near miss happening last year when youngsters were using the cage during a match. Whilst a further near miss also happened during a training session when a ball was hit into the open field and nearly hit a dog walker. Again under the proposed new astro layout people using it would be protected and a significantly larger area of the field would be free from risk.

No permanent structures (e.g. cages, fencing, lighting) are proposed. The facility will be used with mobile netting only. The proposed site is shielded by trees on the

housing side and these would be unimpacted with no excavation or works will take place within root protection areas, and has left a gap to the south to allow continued access even when the astro is being used.

There is no change of use: the site remains in use as a public recreation ground and cricket facility. A small wildflower area will also be created to deliver a net gain in biodiversity. The works are ancillary to the principal sporting use of the field and do not reduce the quantity or quality of playing pitches. The system is freeâ??draining and will not alter existing surfaceâ??water patterns.

The development will improve safety, reduce maintenance, and enhance training provision for the c100 under 18 members and c50 adult cricket participants within the club and hopefully allow us to attract more people to partake in safe, healthy outdoor activity as we look to expand into hosting walking cricket matches for the community as well as grow our offering of girls only cricket.

Location: Little Twittens Recreation Ground Sea Lane Ferring BN12 5DY

Thank you for your application submitted via the internet on 26th January 2026. It has been downloaded and will be checked for validity by the Technical Support Unit. It has been allocated the reference number **FG/6/26/PL**.

Once your application has been checked we will contact you again.

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Yours sincerely



Neil Crowther
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