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Arun Civic Centre
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BN17 5LF

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Our Ref: SE/AR/2011/24245/S

Dear Mrs Leeson,

**App Ref: WA/37/11/
Site: Land adjacent to Walberton Village Hall The street Walberton
BN18 0PQ
Proposal: Single storey pre-school. Resubmission following WA/12/11.**

Thank you for consulting Sport England on the above application.

Sport England has assessed the details of the application and is satisfied that the development does not result in the loss of or prejudice the use of a playing field as defined in Article 16(1) the Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2010.

That said, the application does result in the loss of a built sports facility, namely a tennis court. It is Sport England's policy to prevent the loss of facilities which are important in terms of sports development. As such Sport England will promote policies and practices that require at least an equivalent replacement in terms of quality, quantity and accessibility if the loss of a facility is unavoidable, unless it can be proved that the facility is genuinely redundant and there is no demand for a replacement based on a thorough local assessment.

Sport England therefore seeks to understand the extent to which the existing tennis court benefits the community and thus the impact of its proposed loss. If the tennis court is to be re-provided elsewhere, then further details of this should also be provided by the applicant.

On receipt of further information addressing those points raised above, Sport England would like the opportunity to comment further.

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 the undersigned at the address below.

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Yours sincerely



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