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FAO [REDACTED]

Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for consulting Sport England on the above planning application. The site is considered to constitute playing field, or land last used as playing field, as defined in The Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 (Statutory Instrument 2015 No. 595). As such Sport England is a statutory consultee.

The Hull Road playing fields are marked out for football. As part of the assessment of this application, Sport England has sought the views of the Football Association (The FA). The FA's comments have been summarised as:

- *The FA objects as there is no assessment that demonstrates an excess of playing fields in the catchment area. This part of York in particular has an undersupply of community playing fields of a suitable standard. Furthermore, York has a growing demand for community playing fields from an increasing number of community multi-team football clubs. The City's struggle to service this growing demand is compounded by flood issues. Building on the Hull Road pitches would only exasperate this situation further and impede the future development of community sport in the City.*
- *The FA also objects as the replacement playing field is not equivalent in terms of accessibility. We understand that the Hull Road pitches are required to be used for community use. Despite this the community use and benefit of the pitches has never reached the full potential. Given the opportunity to do so, the Hull Road pitches could help address some of pressures on the City's playing pitch stock.*
- *The Haxby Road site should have a robust community use agreement that helps to alleviate some of the strategic playing pitch issues in the city. This should be agreed between the City Council, North Riding County FA and Sport England.*

Although Sport England has agreed in principle to the loss of the Hull Road site as part of a local plan allocation, the comments of the FA above need to be addressed as part of this planning submission. Although reference is made to the new playing fields at Haxby Road, Sport England is unable to find any details of what is proposed at Haxby Road within this planning submission. The FA's comments were also provided on the basis of the information within this planning submission.

Therefore as part of this planning submission, please could the applicant provide:

- A non-technical assessment of the existing grass pitches at Hull Road which details qualitative issues such as slope, drainage, match capacity, and ancillary facilities (such as parking and changing) in order to provide a comparative benchmark for the replacement provision at Haxby Road
- Details of the implemented playing field area on the western side of Haxby Road
- Details of the proposed ancillary facilities at the Haxby Road site (changing rooms / car parking etc)
- Details of the specification of improvements to the existing playing field area to the west of Haxby Road
- Management and maintenance arrangements





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