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Our Ref: SE/WB/2015/40226/S

Dear Lydia,

App Ref: 15/01622/FUL
Site: Triangle Field, Priory Road, Hungerford, RG17 0AR
Proposal: Hungerford RFC - Proposed porch around the main entrance

Thank you for consulting Sport England on the above application. It is understood that the site forms part of, or constitutes a playing field as defined in The Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 (Statutory Instrument 2015 No. 595). The consultation is therefore statutory and Sport England has considered the application in the light of the National Planning Policy Framework (in particular Par 74) and its policy to protect playing fields, 'A Sporting Future for the Playing Fields of England (see link below).

<http://www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/planning-for-sport/development-management/planning-applications/playing-field-land/>

Essentially Sport England will 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 of 5 exceptions applies:

Sport England Policy	
Summary of Exceptions	
E1	An assessment has demonstrated that there is an excess of playing fields in the catchment and the site has no special significance for sport
E2	The Development is ancillary to the principal use of the playing field and does not affect the quantity/quality of pitches
E3	The Development only affects land incapable of forming part of a playing pitch and would lead to no loss of ability to use/size of playing pitch
E4	Playing field lost would be replaced with equivalent or better playing field in terms of quantity, quality and accessibility
E5	The proposed development is for an indoor/outdoor sports facility of sufficient benefit to sport to outweigh the detriment caused by the loss of playing field

It is proposed to extend the existing clubhouse at the Triangle Field to provide a club supporters entrance porch. The proposed development will not impact on the existing pitch layout on the playing field. The proposal meets exception 2 of Sport England's Playing Fields Policy which states;

'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.'

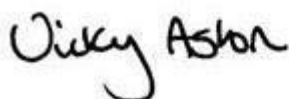
This being the case, Sport England **does not wish to raise an objection** to this application.

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

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.

Yours sincerely



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