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York (City of) Council
Environment and Development Services
9 St Leonard's Place
YORK
YO1 7ET

29 June 2012

Our Ref: Y/YC/2011/26086/S

Dear ██████████

Application Number: 11/02581/OUTM
Site Address: Kathryn Avenue York YO32 9XX
Proposal: Outline Planning Application for a Mixed-Use Development Comprising, The Demolition of Existing Buildings and The Erection of a 6,000 Seat Community Stadium with Conference Facilities (Use Class D2), a Community Building (Use Classes D1 Non-Residential Institution, D2 Assembly and Leisure and B1 Office), Retail Uses (Use Class A1), Food and Drink Uses (Use Classes A3/A4 & A5) and a Further Development Plot which Could Accommodate a Petrol Filling Station, Food and Drink Uses (Use Classes A3 and A4) or a Hotel (Use Class C1) with Associated Vehicular Access Roads, Car Parking, Servicing Areas and Hard and Soft Landscaping

Thank you for your email of 29 June 2012, in respect of the above.

We understand that the Council intends to issue a decision notice on 2 July 2012 and that the notice will include the following conditions to address the comments made by Sport England in our letter of 25 October 2011:

1) *The existing athletics facilities at Huntington Stadium shall not be closed or demolished until evidence has been submitted to the local planning authority, that a contract or contracts have been let for the construction of a replacement athletics facility within the area of the local planning authority. Prior to or concurrently with the first reserved matters application for the Community Stadium, a full specification for the replacement athletics facility, which shall be at least equivalent to that at Huntington Stadium, shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority, following consultation with Sport England. The replacement athletics facility shall be made available for use within 12 months of the date(s) of the contract or contracts, unless otherwise*

agreed in writing by the local planning authority, following consultation with Sport England.

Reason: To ensure that a full time athletics replacement facility of suitable standard is provided and available for use within a reasonable time scale following the loss of existing facilities at Huntington Stadium in accordance with Policy L1b of the Development Control Local Plan.

2) *Huntington Stadium shall not be closed or demolished until arrangements to the reasonable satisfaction of the Local Planning Authority, following consultation with Sport England, have been agreed for securing the temporary relocation of all of York City Knights Rugby Club's first team fixtures for the entire period between the closure of Huntington Stadium and the completion of the hereby approved Community Stadium.*

Reason: To ensure that York City Knights are able to complete their fixtures at a suitable venue prior to the new Community Stadium being available for use in accordance with Policy L1b of the Development Control Local Plan.

3) *Huntington Stadium shall not be closed or demolished until arrangements to the reasonable satisfaction of the Local Planning Authority, following consultation with Sport England, have been agreed for securing the temporary use of athletics facilities for York Athletics Club for the entire period between the closure of Huntington Stadium and the replacement athletics facility referred to in condition 1) being completed and brought into use.*

Reason: To ensure that the athletics club have a suitable training venue and suitable levels of access in the transitional period between Huntington Stadium being demolished and the replacement facility being available in accordance with Policy L1b of the Development Control Local Plan.

4) *Huntington Stadium shall not be closed or demolished until arrangements to the reasonable satisfaction of the Local Planning Authority, following consultation with Sport England, have been agreed for securing pitches for training, community programmes and reserve team fixtures for York City Knights Rugby Club.*

Reason: To ensure that York City Knights have access to suitable venue for the completion of Reserve Team games and club training following the loss of Huntington Stadium in accordance with Policy L1b of the Development Control Local Plan.

On the basis of the above, Sport England **withdraws** its objection of 25 October 2011.

If your Authority decided not to attach the above conditions, Sport England would wish to maintain a statutory objection to this application.



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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 grants funding.

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

Yours sincerely



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