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Sent: 01 August 2013 09:16
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FW: Skatepark at Steyning Leisure Centre
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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 21 March 2013 14:14
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Skatepark at Steyning Leisure Centre

Section 40 - Friends of MPF

Dear [REDACTED]

Please find attached Sport England's formal consultation response for your consideration.

I have not included anything with regards to the long jump pit and run up, as it is unclear at this stage whether this will be affected. If it was to be and there were no plans to reprovide it, Sport England would want to know that the school agree with this and that no community usage would be displaced.

For all enquiries relating to funding, please call our Funding Line on 0845 8508 508 or email funding@sportengland.org.

Kind regards

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From: [REDACTED] Section 40 Friends of MPF
Sent: 13 March 2013 08:21
To: [REDACTED] Section 40 - SE officer
Subject: Skatepark at Steyning Leisure Centre

Dear [REDACTED]

You will recall that we have exchanged correspondence about a proposed skatepark on the Memorial Playing Field Village Green to which Sport England objected. I am now writing seeking your help and advice, please, about a completely separate proposal for a skatepark at Steyning which has modest playing field implications and so Sport England will be a statutory consultee.

As more and more problems have emerged for the MPF site, including the Sport England objection, it is looking increasingly as though it is doomed. While we oppose strongly the proposed skatepark on the MPF - which we believe to be an inappropriate site for many reasons, including those expressed by Sport England – we, and most others within the Town including all our elected representatives, do feel that our young folk need a local skatepark and so in conjunction with the District and County Councils we have been working up an alternative proposal for one within the existing car park at the Leisure Centre, which is the only possible alternative site. At this stage we are not intending to try to design the detail of the skatepark itself; this will come later.

We do want to involve all interested parties in the design of a facility which the whole community will be proud of and involved in. Part of this process means we all want to be sure that we have addressed any concerns Sport England may have. After a well-received preliminary meeting to present our alternative proposal to the Parish Council, we had a meeting the other day with senior planning and other officials at HDC as well as with our District Councillor, all of whom are genuinely enthused by our scheme.

We have produced our first draft documents showing where the skatepark will be located and its dimensions. These have formed the basis of the preliminary presentation which has now established that this location is a “goer” so far as the planning department is concerned. I attach two documents (North and North East) which show two possible alternative locations for the car parking needed to replace that lost to the skatepark. These documents also list the significant advantages for this site. I also attach a pair of Google Earth images of the location.

You will see from these drawings that the skatepark at 360m² displaces 15 car parking spaces. The planners do not wish to have any reduction in the total number and so this means relocating the car parking spaces within a similar area of around 360m² to the north of the existing car park. This forms part of the Grammar School playing field site. It is next to a long-jump area and in a rather awkward underused space remaining after a previous car park extension. We believe this space to be almost unused and also that the long jump would be easy to relocate if that was required, though we do not think it would be. The alternative sites of this proposed replacement car parking are indicated on page 2 of the Google Earth image attached, while page 1 gives a better impression of how the area relates to the extensive playing fields as a whole.

The scheme at the Leisure Centre would achieve a great new skatepark facility for our community, close to the Grammar School and providing an alternative sport to the usual ones which are already well catered for. The only net loss of green space is from an area which could never realistically be used for sport, in our opinion. We do hope this scheme will commend itself to Sport England for these reasons.

We are all mindful that there has been a recent relaxation brought about by The School Premises (England) Regulations 2012 so far as the outdoor space requirements of the

School are concerned and we think this will assist approval of the scheme by all relevant parties.

This is very much “ideas in progress” between Horsham District Council, West Sussex County Council and ourselves at present and so it is not yet appropriate for an approach to be made to the School. HDC has asked us first to contact Sport England to find out whether in principle this proposal is likely to be acceptable to you – hence this message. I would be very grateful if you could let me know whether Sport England would be able to express an opinion prior to a formal planning application being lodged by us affecting this Grammar School playing field (which would trigger a statutory consultation of Sport England by HDC) and, if so, what additional information you would need, please.

Also, we are wondering if any of the Sport England grant schemes might be applicable to the scheme and if so whether you could point us in the right direction, please.

Kind regards,

[Redacted] Friends of Memorial Playing Field)

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