

Mid Sussex District Council

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By email only

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Application Reference: DM/26/1898

Site: LAND SOUTH AND WEST OF IMBERHORNE UPPER SCHOOL, IMBERHORNE LANE, EA... RH19 1TX

Proposal: Discharge of planning conditions 8, 10, 12, 13 and 14 relating to planning application DM/23/2699.

Sport England Reference: PA/26/SE/MX/74789

Thank you for consulting Sport England in respect of the details submitted under the above planning reference to discharge conditions 8, 10, 12, 13 and 14 of planning permission DM/23/2699.

Sport England has consulted the national governing bodies for sport to obtain their views and comments on the submitted details, and we have received the following feedback.

The Football Foundation (FF) on behalf of the FA comments that in relation to condition no.8, they are satisfied with the submitted details regarding the design and layout of the AGP which is considered to be in accordance with the FA Guide to 3G Football Turf Pitches. The design incorporates infill containment barriers, mowing margins, decontamination grates to entrances and machinery storage within the perimeter of the facility – all of which demonstrate active infill retention measures and align with FA design guidance. The selected system is to a FIFA Quality Standard, which is welcome. The FF recommends the pitch is tested and placed on the 3G pitch register upon completion to allow for affiliated matchplay.

In respect of condition no.12, the FF comments that the feasibility study for the natural turf pitches and the specification of works has been undertaken by a specialist turf consultant, accounts for site conditions, and contains recommendations with respect to construction activities and post-construction maintenance.

The FF adds that under condition no. 13 a maintenance specification and schedule has been produced for the grass pitches. This includes the specific activities required to maintain a suitable standard of pitch provision and a detailed

programme.

The FF comments that under condition no.14 the proposed lighting scheme provides the required illuminance and uniformity to the pitch, with details submitted consistent with the FA Guide to Floodlighting.

Overall, the FF supports the discharge of all of the above conditions following review of the application.

Sport England did not receive any comments from the ECB (cricket) or England Athletics about the submitted details in respect of their sports and compliance with their technical design guidance.

Sport England is satisfied that the conditions can be discharged and we welcome the detail of the submission.

If you have any queries, please contact the undersigned.

Yours sincerely,

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