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Mid Sussex District Council
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Dear Sir/Madam,

**BURGESS HILL SCHOOL FOR GIRLS, KEYMER ROAD, BURGESS HILL RH15 0EG
THE ERECTION OF SIX NO. 8.2M HIGH FLOODLIGHTS (DM/15/0562) – VARIATION
OF CONDITIONS 2, 3 AND 4**

On 21st April 2015 planning permission was granted for the erection of six no. 8.2m high floodlights at the astroturf pitches at the southern end of the school campus adjacent to Glendale Road. The permission was subject to planning conditions. We are seeking to vary conditions 2 (materials), 3 (type of floodlights) and 4 (hours of use), to allow for new energy-efficient floodlights with extended hours of use. The floodlights will use the existing columns.

The lights have been designed with 900W & 665W to achieve 400 Lux average with 0.7 uniformity (min/av) on the Principal Play Area (PPA). 665W Amnis Match fittings are proposed on the near side of the houses, and 900W on the opposite side. Due to the existing column locations, it has not been possible to achieve 0.6 (min/av) for all of the Total Play Area (TPA) however focus has been made to achieve the recommended 0.7 uniformity on the PPA. Rear shields are also proposed to the three floodlights located adjacent to House 3 on the submitted Light Spill Drawing (Drawing 52982-Rev C). This property is owned by the school.

Intrusive Light Calculations have been run (as shown on Drawing 52982-Rev C) and the scheme is fully compliant with ILP standards for Zone E3. This compliance ensures a maximum of 10 Lux intensity on the left side of House 3 which is the closest neighbouring property. Replacing the fittings will result in a 50% reduction in energy consumption.

With regard to the hours of use of floodlights, we are applying to extend these to 21:00 hours Monday-Friday. The original planning permission for the sports area (application reference 04/00479) granted in July 2004 allowed use of the pitches until 21:00 hours. Allowing use of the floodlights until 21:00 will enable the pitches to be used until this time on weekday evenings year-round rather than only in the summer months when there is sufficient daylight. There will be no change to weekend usage.

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It is noted that planning permission DM/23/2988, granted in January 2024, extended the use of these floodlights until 20:00 hours Monday-Friday, for a temporary period of 12 months. We understand that there were no complaints about the extended hours.

It is also noted that the tennis court further north on the school site, for which an extension, new fencing and floodlighting was granted in 2002 (ref BH/02/00845/FUL), has permission for the floodlighting to be used up to 22.00.

Condition 2

This condition states that:

“No external materials shall be used other than those specified on the approved drawings and application form without the prior approval of the Local Planning Authority.”

We propose to change this condition to read as follows:

“No external materials shall be used other than those specified on Drawing 52982-Rev C and accompanying datasheets.”

Condition 3

This condition states that:

“The floodlights which are the subject of this permission shall be of the type specified in the submitted Lighting Design scheme 3490a/01 and shall be installed in accordance with this scheme.”

We propose to change this condition to read as follows:

“The floodlights which are the subject of this permission shall be of the type specified on Drawing 52982-Rev C and accompanying datasheets.”

Condition 4

This condition states that:

“The floodlights hereby permitted shall only be used between the hours of 08:00 to 19:00 Monday to Friday, 09:00 to 18:00 on Saturday, and 10:00 to 18:00 hours on Sunday.”

It is proposed to change this to read:

“The floodlights hereby permitted shall only be used between the hours of 08:00 to 21:00 Monday to Friday, 09:00 to 18:00 on Saturday, and 10:00 to 18:00 hours on Sunday.”

Please let us know if you have any queries or need any further information.

Yours faithfully,

