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TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 (SECTION 96A)
TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING (DEVELOPMENT MANAGEMENT PROCEDURE
ENGLAND) ORDER 2015

REFERENCE: DM/26/0510

DESCRIPTION: NON MATERIAL AMENDMENT TO PLANNING APPLICATION
DM/23/2251 - REDUCTION IN OVERALL WIDTH OF PROPOSED
PLAYGROUND FROM 35.00M TO 32.13M.

LOCATION: WORTH PARISH COUNCIL, COPTHORNE RECREATION
GROUND, COPTHORNE BANK, COPTHORNE

DECISION DATE: 13 MAR 2026

CASE OFFICER: ANDREW WATT - ANDY.WATT@MIDSUSSEX.GOV.UK

In pursuance of its powers under the aforementioned Act, the Council hereby notify you that they **APPROVE** the Non-Material Amendment for the above development in accordance with the plans and particulars submitted with your application received on 26 February 2026 for the following reason(s):

1. This application seeks consent as a non-material amendment to a planning permission for a new Multi-Use Games Area with 4 floodlighting columns and the relocation and enhancement of the existing playground and a new public car park with 14 spaces.

The amendment is to reduce the overall width of the playground from 35m to 32.13m from the western edge. The justification for this change is to maintain better access to the rear of the playground; to enable the playground and MUGA to be constructed at the same time; to make a marginal reduction in the cost; and to retain flexibility over future uses of the rear of the site.

Given the scale of the playground permitted, a reduction of less than 3m in its overall width is unlikely to be particularly noticeable. On this basis, it is considered that the alteration can be treated as a non-material amendment to the original application DM/23/2251.

Human Rights Implications

The planning application has been considered in light of statute and case law and any interference with an individual's human rights is considered to be proportionate to the aims sought to be realised.

Please note that the existing planning permission still stands, and that the conditions imposed upon it continue to apply, except that the plans listed below can be substituted for the originally approved plans.

Plans Referred to in Consideration of this Application

The following plans and documents were considered when making the above decision:

Plan Type	Reference	Version	Submitted Date
Planning Layout	WPC-CP-04	B	26.02.2026
Planning Layout	WPC-CP-02	B	26.02.2026



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