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To: "Susan Dubberley" <susan.dubberley@midsussex.gov.uk>
Subject: Mid Sussex DC - Online Register - Comments for Planning Application
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Comments summary

Dear Sir/Madam,

Planning Application comments have been made. A summary of the comments is provided below.

Comments were submitted at 19/02/2025 12:52 PM.

Application Summary

Address:	Sackville School Lewes Road East Grinstead West Sussex RH19 3TY
Proposal:	The upgrade of existing Redgra surfaced sports facilities with associated artificial turf, mesh fencing, LED lighting, acoustic barrier, areas of hard standing and resurfaced long/triple jump pits
Case Officer:	Susan Dubberley

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Customer Details

Address:	46 Southbridge Road Croydon
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Comments Details

Commenter Type:	Other type - not listed
Stance:	Customer made comments in support of the Planning Application
Reasons for comment:	
Comments:	As a former Sackville pupil, current East Grinstead Hockey Club committee member, and a hockey player of 20 years, I wholeheartedly support Sackville's plans to upgrade their outdoor sports facilities by replacing the outdated Redgra pitches with astroturf. During my time at Sackville, we saw a significant improvement with the new indoor sports hall, which was a game-changer for us.

It gave us one of the best facilities in the area, and the impact on our performance and pride was immeasurable. Since I left in 2008, the Redgra has remained in poor condition, and I would love to see it modernised for future students. A new, high-quality pitch would not only enhance the sporting experience but also motivate students and support those aspiring to play at a higher level.

East Grinstead has long been known for its love of hockey, with the local club at Saint Hill being one of the most successful in the UK. Sackville has always played a vital role in feeding players into the sport and keeping teenagers engaged in both sport and their community. In recent years, however, many of the club's members have come from private schools, and I'd love to see that balance shift back to include more state school students. Hockey is an inclusive sport, and it brings enormous benefits to young people, both on and off the pitch.

Hockey has given me a sense of community, a lifelong friendship group, and countless job opportunities, and I believe it can do the same for others. This redevelopment is long overdue, and I fully support Sackville in their efforts to improve their facilities for future generations.

Kind regards