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To: "Stuart Malcolm" <Stuart.Malcolm@midsussex.gov.uk>
Subject: Playing fields at HPP College DM/25/0128

Hi Stuart

Comments on the above planning application.

The application site is a playing field to the north of the main campus at Hurstpierpoint College. The main campus is centred on a linked pair of Grade II listed buildings- the original quadrangle dating from 1853, and Star House to the east, built as the headmaster's house and dating from 1873. The College has developed significantly since its foundation, by incremental additions to the built form around the quadrangle, particularly to the west, north west, and east. The College sits in a rural setting to the north of Hurstpierpoint- this surviving rural setting contributes positively to the historical illustrative value of the listed buildings as a 19th century school deliberately established in a semi-isolated rural position, and to their aesthetic value.

There are several playing fields and pitches associated with College, located all around the buildings at its centre, but particularly to the north, on the opposite side of Chalkers Lane, and to the north east on the opposite side of College Lane. The current proposal relates to a field to the north of the campus and at a short distance from the listed buildings. The proposal is for the construction of a new sports pavilion within the field. This would be a single storey structure surrounded by verandas, with timber cladding and a hipped tiled roof. It would be similar in appearance to a traditional cricket pavilion.

The building is likely to be visible in views from the listed buildings and their immediate settings, looking across the intervening playing fields. However, it is relatively modest in scale, of an appropriate, traditional design, and will not look out of place in the context of the existing playing fields and similar buildings already in place around them.

Subject to detail, therefore, the proposal is considered to preserve the setting of the listed buildings, their special interests and the manner in which these are appreciated. This meets the requirements of District Plan Policy DP34 and the relevant paragraphs of the NPPF.#

I would recommend the following condition:

- Details of roofing and facing materials.
- Windows and external doors to be timber framed.
- Rainwater goods to be of painted metal.
- Details of surfacing material to associated new pathway.

Thanks,

Emily

Please note that this advice is given at Officer level only and is without prejudice to the formal decision of the District Council.

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