

Our Ref: 02/1262



Mid Sussex District Council
Oaklands Road
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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/15/0560) – 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 middle 2 no. tennis courts at Burgess Hill School for Girls. This 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 fittings to achieve 400 Lux average with 0.7 uniformity (min/av) on the Principal Play Area (PPA). Replacing the fittings will result in a 50% reduction in energy consumption. Intrusive Light Calculations have been run which show no adverse effects on neighbouring properties (see enclosed Drawing 52982-Rev C).

Currently the courts can be used up to 21:00 in the summer months when there is daylight in the evenings. This application seeks to allow the courts to be used into the weekday evenings all year round with no change to weekend use.

It is noted that planning permission DM/23/2988, granted in January 2024, extended the use of the floodlights on the sports area (including 2 tennis courts) immediately to the south of this site until 20:00 hours Monday-Friday, for a temporary period of 12 months. We understand that there were no complaints about these extended hours.

It is also noted that the tennis court to the north of the current application 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:

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“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,

