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Sent: 24 April 2026 11:37:47 UTC+01:00
To: "Andrew Horrell" <Andrew.Horrell@midsussex.gov.uk>
Subject: RE: DM/26/0830

Hi Andrew,

As discussed, given that the nets will not be contained in a metal cage but will have soft netting, the risk of noise from ball strikes affecting residents is low.

I recommend that the hours of use applied for are conditioned.

In addition, given that the nets will be used at weekends and in the evening by outside clubs, noise from players could affect a reasonably quiet residential area and I would therefore recommend that a condition is applied to any permission granted requiring a suitable noise management plan. The NMP should include a requirement for hirers to supervise their players to ensure noise levels are reasonable, and to prohibit the playing of music in this area.

I also recommend the following informative:

Your attention is drawn to the requirements of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 with regard to your duty of care not to cause the neighbours of the site a nuisance. If you require any further information on these issues, please contact Environmental Protection on 01444 477292.

Having planning permission in place is no defence against a statutory noise nuisance being caused or allowed to occur. Should the department receive a complaint once the site is operational, we are required to investigate under the provisions of the Environmental Protection Act 1990 and must take formal action where a statutory noise nuisance is in existence.

Kind regards,

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Subject: RE: DM/26/0830

Jane,

DM/26/0830 – Oathall School cricket nets

As you will likely be aware we at MSDC are consultees for a planning decision made by West Sussex CC. I have yet to get anything from the agent but WSCC have been in contact.

Their view in terms of the proposal is that the proposed nets would be supported by 4m high steel upright-supporting posts, separated at 3.65m intervals. In terms of the evening use the nets are not intended to be floodlit and their use in the evenings will be constrained by darkness.

They appreciate that there is some risk of ball-strike against the steel posts, although would not anticipate the impact of this to be any worse than the sound of a cricket ball hitting a bat, for example.

The following link is the likely makeup of the nets
https://platform-static-files.s3.amazonaws.com/ecb/document/2016/08/29/eeec6b14-5f23-4c15-834d-0c565a05bbc1/ECB_guidance_on_installing_non_turf_cricket_pitches.pdf

Just wondered your thoughts

Kind regards,

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Subject: DM/26/0830

Hi Andrew,

As discussed, we would expect the proposed nets to comply with the above guidance.

My main concern here is use of the nets at the weekends and during the later evening given the relatively quiet background level at nearby residential properties during these times. Could the applicants please provide details of the construction of the nets, will metal cages be provided.

Thanks,

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