

Sport England Repsonse

Dear Jane,

Thank you for consulting Sport England on the above proposal with additional information in response to my previous correspondence.

The sections are particularly helpful in that they clearly show that while the land is playing field it is located on slopes which are beyond the parameters which are recommended for competition football, cricket and rugby.

Like most schools, it is obvious that the school made do with the playing field they had by setting out pitches the best they could.

Therefore the proposal of the new football pitch and 2 court MUGA which will allow competition football and netball to take place in my opinion outweighs the loss of the greater amount of playing field. This would meet our planning policies E3 and E4, subject to planning conditions ensuring the playing pitch and MUGA are constructed to our design guidance notes and there is a community use agreement in place.

Ideally we would like the MUGA to be floodlit, not just for the benefit of the community use, but also for the school and extended school use.

For clarity the community use agreement should be with one or two local clubs or organisations, who would block book the facilities, not a pay and play as this would be unreasonable for a primary school. I am enclosing an example of a suitable community use agreement. For assistance, I would suggest contacting Martin Kimberly of Active Dorset at the County Sports Partnership (01202 458889).

Conclusion

Sport England considers the proposal to broadly meet our planning policy exceptions E3 and E4 and therefore we are likely to support the application for planning permission subject to the following conditions:

1. No development shall commence until details of the design and layout of Multi Use Games Area have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority [after consultation with Sport England]. The Multi Use Games Area shall not be constructed other than in accordance with the approved details.

*Reason: To ensure the development is fit for purpose and sustainable and to accord with Development Plan Policy **.*

Informative: The applicant is advised that the design and layout of the Multi Use Games Area should comply with the relevant industry Technical Design Guidance published by Sport England. Particular attention is drawn to: Artificial Surfaces for Outdoor Sport 2013.

2. (a) No development shall commence until the following documents have been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority after consultation with Sport England:
- (i) A detailed assessment of ground conditions (including drainage and topography) of the land proposed for the playing field which identifies constraints which could adversely affect playing field quality; and
 - (ii) Where the results of the assessment to be carried out pursuant to (i) above identify constraints which could adversely affect playing field quality, a detailed scheme to address any such constraints. The scheme shall include a written specification of the proposed soils structure, proposed drainage, cultivation and other operations associated with grass and sports turf establishment and a programme of implementation.
- (b) The approved scheme shall be carried out in full and in accordance with the approved programme of implementation [or other specified time frame – e.g. before first occupation of the educational establishment]. The land shall thereafter be maintained in accordance with the scheme and made available for playing field use in accordance with the scheme.

*Reason: To ensure that the playing field is prepared to an adequate standard and is fit for purpose and to accord with Development Plan Policy **.*

Informative: The applicant is advised that the scheme should comply with the relevant industry Technical Guidance, Particular attention is drawn to 'Natural Turf for Sport', (Sport England, 2011).

3. Within 12 months of the date of this decision, a community use agreement prepared in consultation with Sport England has been submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority, and a copy of the completed approved agreement has been provided to the Local Planning Authority. The agreement shall apply to playing pitch and Multi-Use Games Area and include details of pricing policy, hours of use, access by non-educational establishment users, management responsibilities and a mechanism for review. The development shall not be used otherwise than in strict compliance with the approved agreement."

*Reason: To secure well managed safe community access to the sports facility/facilities, to ensure sufficient benefit to the development of sport and to accord with Development Plan Policy **.*

Informative: Guidance on preparing Community Use Agreements is available from Sport England. <http://www.sportengland.org/planningapplications/>

Any new facilities should be built in accordance with Sport England's technical guidance notes, copies of which can be found at:
<http://www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/tools-guidance/design-and-cost-guidance/>

Sport England reserves the right to object to any subsequent planning application if we do not consider that it accords with our playing fields policy or para 97 of NPPF.

If you require any further information please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned.

Yours sincerely,

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