

Norfolk County Council

By email only

18th April 2024

Application Reference: DIS/2024/0005

Site: Blofield Primary School, East side of Plantation Road, Blofield, NR13 4PL

Proposal: Discharge of Planning Conditions No. 24 (Assessment of ground conditions of new playing fields) and No. 25 (Community Use Scheme) of planning permission reference FUL/2022/0055.

Sport England Ref: PA/23/E/NCC/67027

Thank you for consulting Sport England on the additional information submitted in respect of the details submitted under the above planning reference to discharge conditions 24 and 25 of planning permission DIS/2024/0005.

Sport England's Assessment

Condition 24 (Assessment of ground conditions of new playing fields)

The Applicant has submitted a revised plan within the report, which is now accurate as the grass playing pitches are reflective of the document within the approved application: 'NPS-DR-A-019 Proposed Pitch Markings P1.pdf'. The plan in the report now reflects the approved plan, so Sport England support the discharge of condition 24.

Condition 25 (Community Use Scheme)

Revised information has been submitted by the Applicant which seeks to address our comments outlined within our letter dated 20th March 2024.

Having reviewed the revised community use agreement there are a couple of points previously raised by the Football Foundation (FF) and the Football Association (FA) which require addressing still.

The FF and FA have advised that in terms of Schedule 2, whilst the hours of access have improved, clarification is still required as to how the site will be operated as this is currently unclear? The presence of the required staffing to operate the facilities should be driven by the hours of use committed. On this basis, clarification is required on what staff will be present on site during the operational hours of the facilities.

The FF and FA have requested that that wording at section (a) under the heading 'Management' is improved to state examples of similar local authority run facilities within the area and the proposed pricing based on current comparable pricing. The Council may be able to assist you on obtaining this information. The example should

then be referred to within the CUA.

In addition, the FF and FA have requested that a break-down of costs be provided for each pitch size and if there are different rates for matches/training.

We advise the Applicant addresses the points raised above by the FF and FA, then submits a revised CUA to the Local Planning Authority, who will then consult Sport England. The final agreed draft version shall then be circulated amongst the parties listed on the CUA.

To conclude, the submitted document is not sufficient to discharge the condition as it does not meet the requirement for a satisfactory, completed, and signed CUA. Sport England objects to condition 25 being discharged at this time.

Conclusion

To summarise, Sport England support the discharge of condition 24 and object to the discharge of condition 25.

I would be happy to review a draft CUA from the Applicant before they re-submit a revised one to ensure all the points outlined above have been addressed.

If you have any queries, please contact the undersigned.

Yours sincerely,

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