

Jane Tucker

From: James Russell
Sent: 18 July 2013 17:24
To: Claire Booth
Subject: Planning Application 3/2013/0539/P QEII Playing Fields, Whalley

Importance: High

Dear Claire,

Further to our joint site visit on Thursday 18th July 2013, I would make the following comments in regard to this application;

The proposed position of the community floodlit 'all weather' pitch etc is likely to result in considerable noise and potentially light pollution to nearby neighbouring residential properties.

In particular the application suggests no restriction on 'hours of use' of the facilities.

Noise from the playing of sports is likely to be considerable with the pitch having no acoustic reduction measures and being in close proximity of neighbours.

In addition, the floodlighting footprint indicates significant light spillage around the pitch and would appear not to be in line with BS/EN recommended lighting standards contained in Lighting Guide 4: Sports Lighting 2006 for a floodlighting in a rural location - 0.5 lux.

In my experience, the all weather pitch may also result in considerable glow reflected from the synthetic surface and needs to be considered accordingly

I would strongly recommend that the applicant be approached to relocate the development to a more suitable and remote position on the site and that further consideration and information will be required concerning; hours of use, lighting design to meet relevant rural zone lighting, pitch materials to prevent potential light pollution and acoustic measures.

Yours James

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