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Subject: PA 3/2015/0766 and 3/2015/0767 - land at Malt Kiln Brow, Chipping, PR3 2GB
Importance: High

FAO Adrian Dowd

Good morning Adrian,
Further to a message I left yesterday.

Sport England has no objection in principle to the club's relocation, but I am informed the club themselves are not keen. That said, there are number of issues which would need to be resolved before Sport England could write a letter of no objection to the proposal. Therefore please treat this email as a **holding objection** until the Items area addressed:

1. There is no evidence that the proposed ground for the relocation is suitable to be laid out as a cricket pitch. A geotechnical survey should be provide as soon as possible and the results should information the pitch and square design which should be constructed to a minimum of the 'Standard' Performance Quality level as specified in ECB guidance note *TS4 Recommended Guidelines for the construction, preparation and maintenance of cricket pitches and outfielders at all levels of the game*. NB the site needs to be big enough.
2. I have a concern the cricket ground is being moved into an area which is at a greater risk of flood than where it is currently situated. Having read the report, I am interested that there appears to be no mitigation against the ground and pavilion flooding – most of the work has been done around the housing and other built development. This does need to be addressed prior to the granting of planning permission. A number of clubs have no cover for their pavilions due to flood risk.
3. Subject to the above being satisfactory being addressed, the next isuse is the club house is not fit for purpose. The changing rooms are only 40% of the recommended minimum size as per ECB guidance note TS5 - *Pavilions and Clubhouses*. The provision of a toilet with access through a kitchenette is extremely poor design in terms of health and safety. The design is also lacking the following minimum level of provision:
 - 3 showers per changing room
 - Officials changing – bearing in mind officials can be both male and female.
 - WC provision for players and spectators
 - Social area
 - Appropriate kitchen
4. Further consideration should be given to access and car parking. Who will maintain the bridge – it will not be the cricket club. Has it be designed to accept mini buses/bin lorries/fire engines? Where are the mini buses to park? Turning circles for vehicles other than cars. Have Highway safety matters been taken in to consideration?
5. An indication of where practice nets could be located;
6. A services report is required to ensure that the pavilion has access to utilities.

Please Note

Any replacement ground should be delivered completely before work starts on the existing site. It should be noted that construction of a new ground typically takes up to 2 years depending when it

commences – it is unusual, though possible, for a ground to be fit for play after 12 months (if construction starts in Spring).

Of course we would want to see legal agreement is appropriate to secure the new ground prior to permission being granted.

I would suggest that the applicants enter dialogue with Dan Musson and myself to ensure that items 1- 6 are satisfactory dealt with before Sport England would with draw its holding objection. It may be appropriate for the applicants to with draw the current planning application in order for this work to be carried out as it will take time to deal with. Sport England would not support any of these items being conditioned as there is a significant cost implications which may the delivery of the proposed scheme undeliverable

Feel free to contact me if you require any further information.

Kind regards
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