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Subject: App Ref: 3/2016/0193 - Land East of Chipping Lane - Sport England Ref: 42164

Dear Mr Kilmartin

Thank you for consulting Sport England on the above application.

It is understood that the proposal prejudices the use, or leads to the loss of use, of land being used as a playing field or has been used as a playing field in the last five years, as defined in The Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 (Statutory Instrument 2015 No. 595). The consultation with Sport England is therefore a statutory requirement.

Sport England has considered the application in light of the National Planning Policy Framework (particularly Para 74) and Sport England's Playing Fields Policy, which is presented within its Planning Policy Statement titled 'A Sporting Future for the Playing Fields of England' (see link below):

www.sportengland.org/playingfieldspolicy

Sport England's policy is to oppose the granting of planning permission for any development which would lead to the loss of, or prejudice the use of, all/part of a playing field, unless one or more of the five exceptions stated in its policy apply.

The proposal is for the reserved matters of Phase 1 of the housing development. The existing cricket ground will not be physically affected and I assume that will be lost and replaced during Phase 2. However, the proximity of the housing to the cricket ground has triggered a requirement to have a Risk Assessment undertaken for the likelihood of ballstrike on the properties. Any mitigation recommended will need to be carried out for a temporary period until the cricket ground is relocated further north. Wording of a condition is set out below.

Having assessed the application, Sport England is satisfied that the proposed development meets the following Sport England Policy exception:

E3 - The proposed development affects only land incapable of forming, or forming part of, a playing pitch, and does not result in the loss of, or inability to make use of any playing pitch (including the maintenance of adequate safety margins), a reduction in the size of the playing area of any playing pitch or the loss of any other sporting/ancillary facility on the site.

This being the case, Sport England **does not wish to raise an objection** to this application **subject to** the following condition:

Prior to commencement of development a Risk Assessment and Mitigation Strategy shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority, after consultation with Sport England. The Assessment shall assess the impact of ballstrike on the proposed houses around the perimeter of the cricket ground. Based on the results of the Assessment a Mitigation Strategy shall be prepared setting out methods of mitigation to avoid ballstrike and with a recommended timetable of implementation. The Mitigation Strategy shall be carried out in full and in accordance with the recommended Mitigation Strategy timeframe. Should the method of mitigation require planning permission, approval shall be obtained prior to first occupation of the development.

Reason: To ensure the proximity of the houses does not prejudice the use of the cricket ground now or in the future and to accord with development plan policy [insert relevant local plan policy] and paragraph 74 of NPPF.

Informative: The Risk Assessment and Mitigation Strategy should be carried out by a suitably qualified sports specialist in consultation with the England and Wales Cricket Board. Please contact the ECB for suitably qualified sports specialists.

If you would like any further information or advice please contact the undersigned at the address below.

Yours sincerely,

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