


Environmental Health Consultation Response	Officer	Alan Taylor
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Detail: Creation of new artificial grass pitch (AGP) and refurbishment of exis

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Address:	Astro Turf Sporting Pitches Edisford Road Clitheroe Lancashire		 <p>Ribble Valley Borough Council www.ribblevalley.gov.uk</p>	
Application Ref:	3/2018/0372	Case Officer:		Mr John Macholc
Response Ref:	3/2018/0372/ENV/01	Issue Date:		21 May 2018

General Comments/Observations	
1.1	The planning application is for the creation of new artificial grass pitch and refurbishment of existing multi use sports area. The introduction of new lighting and pathways.
Suggestions/Mitigation	
2.1	Noise: The noise assessment has indicated a 3.5 metre acoustic fence is to be erected on the south elevation of the newly developed artificial grass pitch. Whilst this offers reduced noise levels to the nearest residential property (Roefield House) across Edisford road, there is concern of the predicted noise levels which will have an impact upon the North & East residential properties of St Annes Square and the new properties located on Vicarage Close. Further acoustic fencing would help to reduce the incidence of noise from the developed site having an impact on these properties.
2.2	Lighting: The lighting to be installed to illuminate the proposed area must not allow spill light to extend beyond the boundary of the grassed field perimeter. This will remove the possibility of stray light causing nuisance to residential premises around the sports area. This may also be controlled by correct positioning and final adjustments being completed using light deflectors if required.
2.3	Operating Hours: The application request Monday - Friday 09.00-22.00hrs and Saturday - Sunday 08.30 – 20.00hrs The Monday – Friday hrs is infringing into sleeping hours of nearby residential premises. Persons attending the property will then need time to vacate the site including persons leaving the site by foot or by vehicle. To ensure local residents are not affected by night time noise nuisance it is recommended that the sports area should begin to clear from 21.00hrs. This allows noise of persons leaving site no later than 21.30 hrs. This is considered appropriate as the site is closer to the residential areas around the proposed application.
Conclusions/Suggested Conditions	
2.4	The above observations have been provided on the basis of the level of information submitted and the comments contained within this response represent officer opinion only, at the time of writing, without prejudice.
2.5	Should you be minded to approve the application, notwithstanding other considerations, I would suggest that the following conditions be attached should you feel they are relevant and justified: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noise conditions should not exceed the lowest observed effect level of 35 LA_{eq} in the nearest residential property. The hours of use to be conditioned Monday – Friday from 09.00hrs to 21.00hrs.

- Condition the proposed lighting of the sports area to prevent any stray light extending beyond the site boundary.

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