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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 20 August 2020 11:18
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: Planning Application 3/2020/0315 - Langho Football Club.

To whom it may concern

I am the league secretary for the Accrington & District Junior Football League.

Our league covers a 20-mile radius from Accrington Town Hall, we have over 200 teams, 3000 players that play in our league each season which runs from September to end of April.

On average we schedule across the season over 2000 games across 10 age groups from U7s to U16s.
From November through to end of March we move majority of games onto 3G

Figures wise in 2018-2019 season we had 216 games cancelled on grass due to unplayable pitches from the rain or ice.

We played an average of around 1227 games on 3G pitches

In 2019-2020 season we had 147 games cancelled on grass due to unplayable pitches from the rain or ice.

This figure is lower due to us having more access to more 3G pitches than in previous seasons, and us also moving games onto 3G earlier due to the horrendous wet weather throughout the end of Sept and into October.

We played an average of around 1539 games on 3G which is an increase of 312 games.

These figures show us the greater need for 3G pitches to allow games to be played, due to the poor condition of our local grass pitches which get no investment due to government cuts to our local borough councils.

If we did not have use of 3G pitches the number of games being cancelled due to unplayable grass pitches would easily triple each week.

As a league we are always on the lookout for more 3G pitches that could be available to us, as we feel it is important to keep the youth in our league playing as much as possible week in week out.

We would fully support any application for a new 3G pitch within our leagues district.

Regards

League Secretary / Fixtures Secretary
& Referees Appointment Secretary



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REF 3/2020/0315 Langho 3G Pitch

Dear Laura,

We are a non-judgmental and fully inclusive charity based and working in East Lancashire. Promoting recovery, wellbeing and independence for men and woman.

We use the power of football to encourage all genders, age and backgrounds to engage with our projects. This helps adults to talk and we find it educates and gives an understanding into mental health illnesses.

We call this football therapy and this offers social inclusion, support, way back into competitive and grassroots football. Our sessions also offers new friendships and connections. We find it also improves people's confidence, self-esteem, and weight loss, physical and mental wellbeing.

Our sessions are fun, affordable, relaxed and are in very safe surroundings, with our volunteers receiving appropriate training.

We also offer support and offer courses such as FA LEVEL 1, FA refereeing, mental health first aid etc.

These projects have also done great work with the community and helped others who may not access our projects to get involved.

During lockdown we ran #ProjectBridge, where we asked adults and children to create colorful signs with positive words. We then collected them and with many volunteers we put them on motorway bridges to try and prevent potential jumpers.

Another project, we delivered 40 Easter eggs to vulnerable adults who may have been socially isolated during the pandemic.

Working with the Butlers Arms, Pleasington we helped them distribute over 100 Care parcels containing essential food supplies, books and activities packs for families in need.

This is more than a game, its more than football, we're a big family who encourage communities from different backgrounds to come together and help each other.

Having a venue in Langho would offer all of the above and much more than just football sessions to a rural local community. This would offer support for 52 weeks of the year as proven in Blackburn, Darwen and Chorley.

Please feel free to check out all of our work on social media and YouTube. We're currently in the middle of finalizing our website.

I will add links and videos for all of our umbrella projects - Blokes United, Girls United and the Social Inclusion Football League.

Yours Sincerely

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Creative Football, Blokes United, Girls United and Social Inclusion Football League

Laura Eastwood

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 20 August 2020 14:08
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Subject: Planning ref number 3/2020/0315

Good afternoon Laura,

My name [REDACTED] and I am the lead coach for the Hyndburn and Ribble Valley district football team at u13 level. I am also the coach for Great Harwood Rovers in the local leagues.

I am emailing you in connection with the above planning application for a new full size 3G football pitch at the Ryddings site in Langho. I just want to add (for what it's worth) my support to this application. Our area has a huge shortage of full size 3G pitches and we have been crying out for something like this for years. I am always struggling to hire quality pitches for my teams for games and training. If this goes ahead this would be perfect. As a local football coach I would 100% hire and use this facility if it was available.

I really do hope this goes ahead as it would be a massive step forward for grassroots football in the area which obviously has a knock on positive effect to health and welfare of local children and youths.

I wish Langho FC the best of luck with this application. A fantastic club run by wonderful volunteers.

If you need anything further from me please do not hesitate to give me a call or send me an email.

Regards

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