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Planning Application Reference No.: 3/2024/0691

Address of Development: Recreation Ground adjacent Chipping Memorial Hall

Comments: [REDACTED]

There would be a significant impact of a proposed net 6m high and 25 m wide (although this is at variance with the planning elevation detail which shows a net 5m high and 20m wide) being placed behind the goal [REDACTED], less so in the summer months with leaves on the trees but more so in winter when leaves have fallen.

The planning application is for a net of 6m high and 25m wide. The main usefulness of the net is to prevent footballs getting lost in the ditch behind the goal and our anecdotal view would be that a lower net, of say 3m, would prevent that happening. [REDACTED] as it is much less common occurrence.

If the net is to be used to stop the footballs, could the net be lowered at the end of every game to make it less intrusive than a permanent fixture ? Looking at the net suppliers website, in relation to the indicative net detail supplied with the planning application, it is possible to get a net than can be lowered when games are not taking place by a pulley system which in our view would be a preferable solution.

In summary, we have nothing whatever against [REDACTED], and understand the need to keep footballs from repeatedly going down the ditch. We do, however, question whether a net as high as 6m is necessary [REDACTED] and whether it could be taken down between matches.

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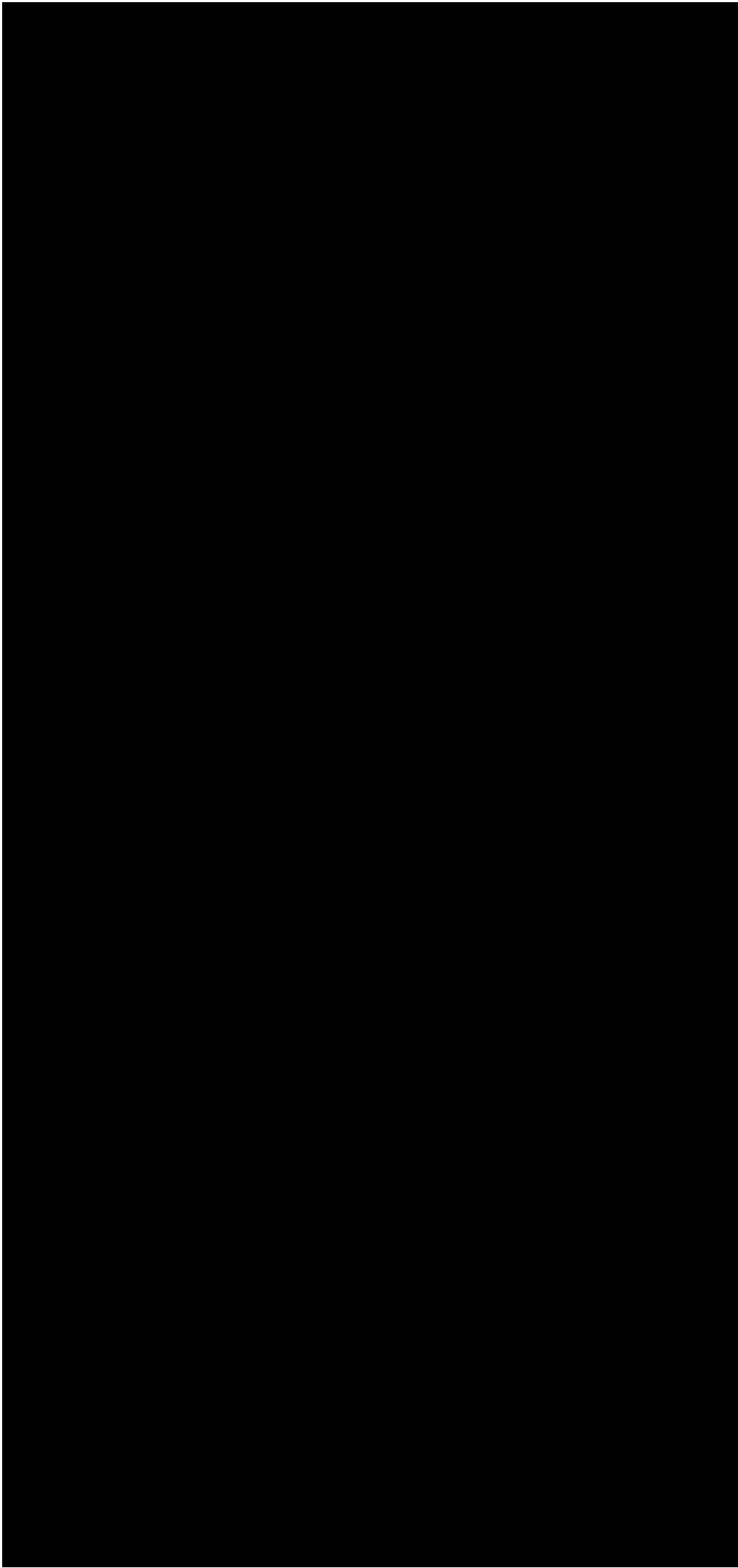
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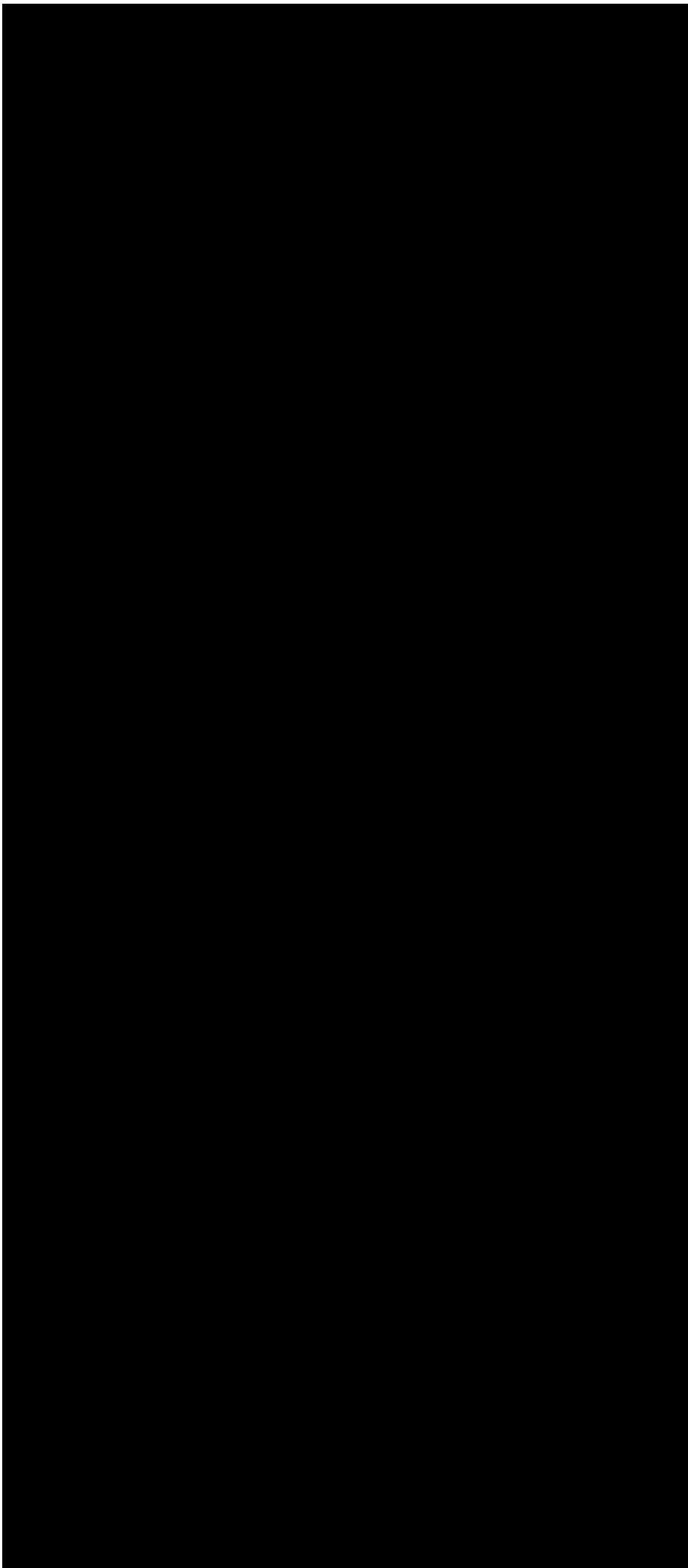
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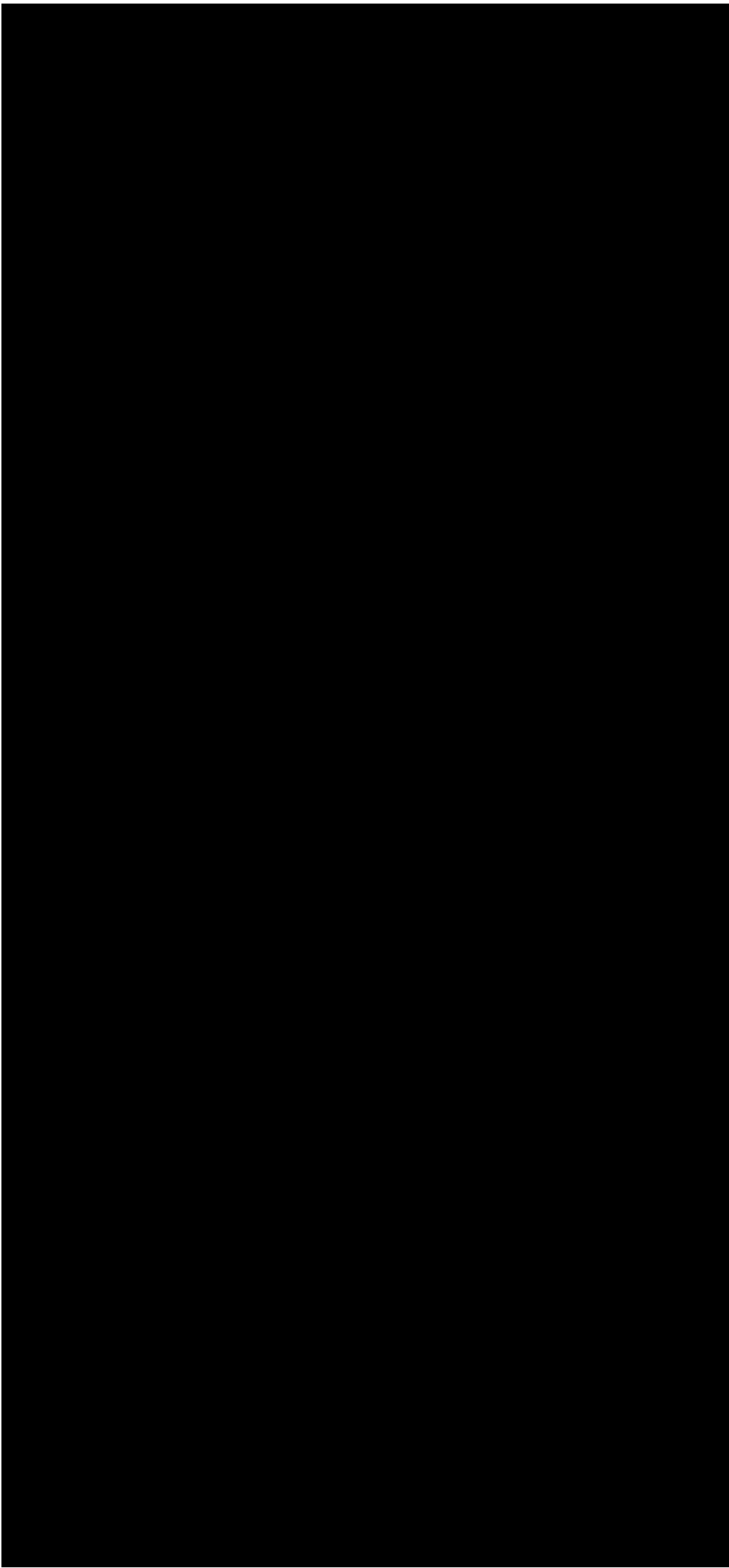
We are writing in response to your letter detailing planning application 3/2024/0691, proposed installation of 2 ball stop nets on Chipping Village Recreation Ground. Our comments follow :-

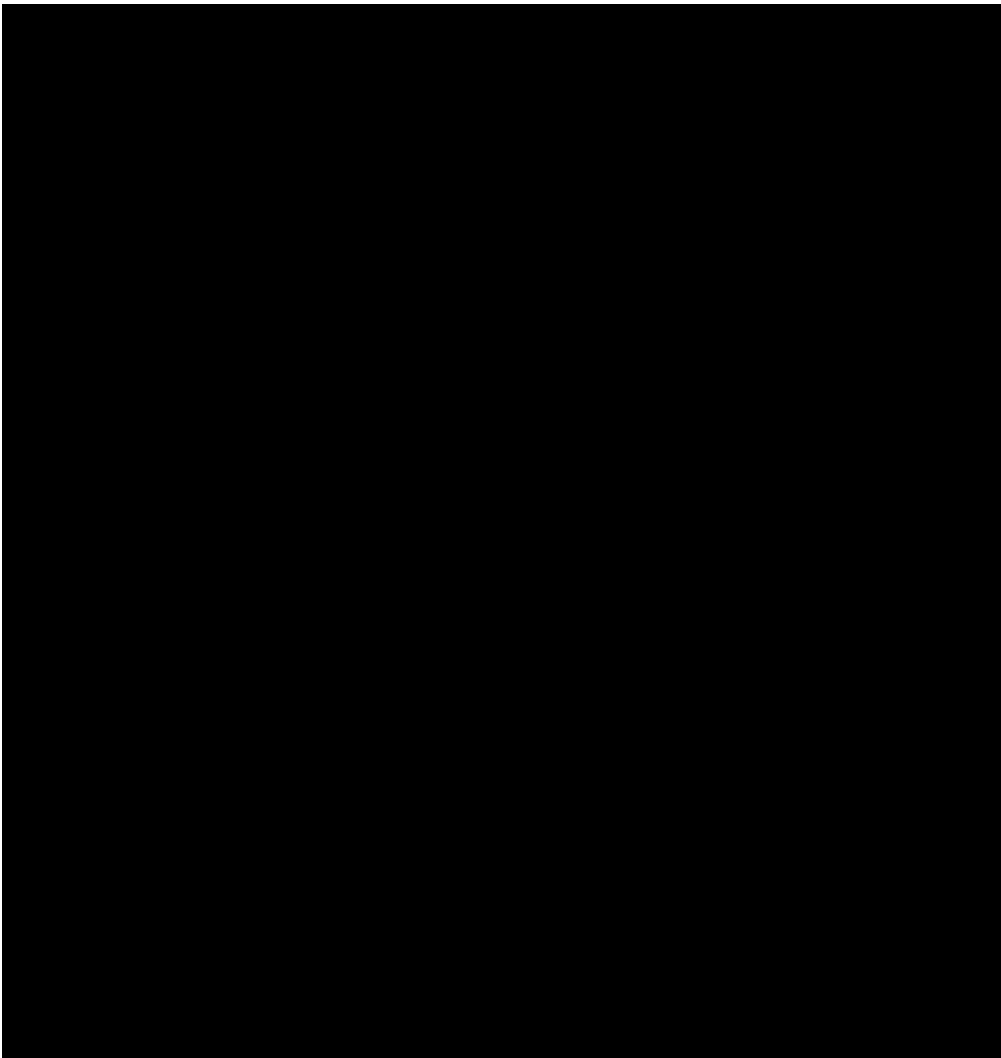
- The description states that "the nets are 6m high and 25m across consisting of 5 removable poles which would sit in sleeves concreted into the floor". As the poles are removable, would they be removed when football matches are not being played? If not, would they be removed when the football season is closed?
- In the description section to the question "has the work already started" the applicant has responded in the negative. This is inaccurate as some months ago holes were dug ready to install the poles and an attempt was made to cordon off this area - the holes are now covered with wooden boards and quite overgrown. We enclose images.





- The reason given is to protect the local residents properties and gardens on both sides (Broadmeadow & Kirkfield) from stray footballs. [REDACTED] can assure you that balls coming over into gardens is not a problem. The main problems [REDACTED] [REDACTED] football matches are being played is the use of extremely bad language and also players using the stream & ditch alongside the field as a toilet.
- The trees & hedges section asks "are there trees or hedges on land adjacent to the proposed development site that could influence the development or might be important as part of the local landscape character?" - the applicant responds in the negative. In our opinion [REDACTED] the line of native trees, shrubs and hedgerow which extend the full length on the playing field are very much an important part of the local landscape character. We enclose images showing the trees.





- In the ownership section, the address given for the "owner" is incorrect. Chipping Recreational Ground (including 2 football pitches) is owned by Chipping Parish Council, the address given is not correct for the clerk to Chipping Parish Council,

In summary, we do not agree with this proposal and feel there are too many inaccuracies in the application and insufficient justification.

