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Planning Application Reference No.: 3/2026/0375

Address of Development: Playing field Edisford Road, BB7 3LA

Comments: I wish to formally object to the proposed development for a synthetic turf pitch including fencing, acoustic barrier, floodlighting, access path, toilet block and ancillary equipment.

I am a local resident living near [REDACTED] to the proposed site, and I have serious concerns regarding the impact this development will have on residents, wildlife and the surrounding environment.

Firstly, the proposed location is entirely unsuitable due to the existing access and parking constraints, especially in warmer months when the public car park is full. The cul-de-sac is effectively only wide enough for single vehicle movement in places, and parking is already a major issue during busy periods in the summer when visitors attend the nearby river area. Vehicles frequently park irresponsibly, obstructing driveways and making it difficult for residents to access or leave their properties safely. This development would significantly increase traffic and parking demand, creating further congestion, access issues and potential highway safety concerns. Secondly, I have major concerns regarding noise pollution. A synthetic pitch with fencing and associated facilities is likely to attract regular use into evenings and weekends, resulting in persistent noise from players, spectators and general activity. This would have a substantial negative impact on the quiet residential nature of the area and residents' enjoyment of their homes.

I am also extremely concerned about the proposed operating hours and the impact this would have on nearby residents. If the facility is used into the evenings, particularly during darker months, the floodlighting and increased activity would create ongoing light pollution and unnecessary stress for those living close by. Residents should reasonably expect a degree of peace and quiet within their homes during evening hours, and I do not believe this proposal adequately protects residential amenity.

The proposed floodlighting would also create unacceptable light pollution for the surrounding environment. Aside from the impact on nearby homes, the area is home to wildlife and nesting birds including owls, blackbirds and woodpeckers. Increased lighting, noise and activity would inevitably disturb local habitats and biodiversity. The impact on wildlife does not appear to have been adequately considered.

In addition, littering and waste management are already ongoing problems locally. Existing bins in the area are frequently insufficient, with rubbish and dog waste often left beside bins, on grass verges and within the cul-de-sac itself. Increased footfall and activity associated with this development would inevitably worsen these issues and further damage the local environment.

I also question why this development cannot instead be located on the opposite side of edisford road (opposite side to this proposal) where existing 3G pitches are already situated. Placing the development alongside existing sports facilities would appear far more logical and would reduce the impact on nearby residential properties and wildlife habitats. I understand the need for more facilities but this exact location isn't suitable.

Overall, I believe this proposal represents overdevelopment in an unsuitable location and would result in unacceptable harm to residential amenity, local ecology, traffic conditions and the character of the area. I respectfully ask that the application be refused.

Yours faithfully,

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