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Dear Mr Grant

08/00982/OUT Outline application for seven dwellings, Barlestone

I refer to your letter dated 15 January 2009 regarding of payment toward Public open space within Barlestone. I have consulted the Council's Green Space section who have provided the following comments.

In terms of quantity of POS within Barlestone and within the catchment of the development, there is no dispute that this is adequate. However, the POS contribution is also based on the quality of the existing POS and the equipment within it.

An officer from the Green Spaces team has made a site visit to the main POS site Bosworth Road Barlestone which is within the catchment of the development, Glebe Close is also on the edge of this site. A newish play area aimed at the toddler age group up to 5 years has been built within Glebe Close and this appears to be of a quality that is acceptable. However the equipment within Bosworth Road POS (which is aimed at the older age groups) although acceptable is of a lower quality and becoming out dated and towards the end of its shelf life. I would therefore consider there is an argument that a contribution is justified in order to either replace some of the older equipment or add a further piece of equipment for the older/teenage age group.

The POS sites are owned by Barlestone Parish Council. The purpose of the contributions is to ensure that the quality of their sites continues to improve.

I therefore do not feel that the condition has been wrongly imposed but if you do not agree, you would need to appeal the condition within 6 months of the date of the decision.

If you require any further information, please contact Louise Forman on the above telephone number.

Yours sincerely

On behalf of Tracy Darke
Development Services and Policy Manager