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Subject: App No: 23/01139/REM - Approval of Reserved Matters pursuant to condition 2 of 15/00188/OUT (sports pitches) at Land North East of Triumph Motorcycles, Hinckley - Sport England ref: PA/24/EM/HIN/67198
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Dear Alex Jelley,

Thank you for consulting Sport England on additional information submitted for the above application.

The additional information includes the submission of a revised Landscape Masterplan (ref: DE_155_SP_001 Rev I) showing the proposed layout of 3 adult football pitches on the formal sport pitch provision site. Outline permission ref: 15/00188/OUT required the provision of 3.28 hectares of formal sport pitch provision along with a community facility building on the site. .

The application submission continues to lack a detailed agronomist's report to demonstrate the suitability of the site to support pitches. Pre-construction details have been submitted including a programme of work/specification to deliver the pitches. This proposed new sports facility has the potential to create a new opportunity for sport to meet the needs of current and future generations.

As part of the assessment of the details submitted, Sport England has sought the views of the Football Foundation (FF) who act as Sport England's technical advisors in relation to their sport and its facilities. The Football Foundation welcome the submission of the pre-construction details provided, including drainage, levels, specification plan, design and proposed programme of works. However, they recommend that a site-specific agronomy report, which undertakes a detailed site survey, should be submitted to provide evidence that the pitches are to be designed and maintained correctly for this site specifically and that the proposal would result in the construction of good quality football pitches.

Based on the above, Sport England would recommend that the LPA seeks confirmation that the pitches would be designed and maintained in accordance with Sport England's *Natural Turf for Sport Design Guidance Note (2025)* to be confident that good quality pitches would be constructed on the site which are "fit for purpose" and available for community use

Yours sincerely,

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