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Subject: App No: 24/00318/FUL - Extension to existing car park at Village Hall, Hall Drive, Stoke Golding - Sport England ref: PA/24/EM/HIN/67366

Good afternoon Joe,

Thank you for consulting Sport England on the above application.

Sport England –Statutory Role and Policy

It is understood that the proposal prejudices the use, or leads to the loss of use, of land being used as a playing field as defined in The Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 (Statutory Instrument 2015 No. 595). The consultation with Sport England is therefore a statutory requirement.

Sport England considers proposals affecting playing fields in light of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) (in particular paragraph 103 that playing fields should not be built on) and against its own playing fields policy, which is presented within its 'Playing Fields Policy and Guidance Document:' www.sportengland.org/playingfieldspolicy

Sport England's policy is to oppose the granting of planning permission for any development which would lead to the loss of, or would prejudice the use of all/part of a playing field. Exceptions to this policy are contained in the Playing Fields Policy Document.

The Proposal and Impact on Playing Field

The proposal relates to the extension of the existing car park to creation additional parking alongside the village hall. Concrete bollards would be sited along the boundary with the playing field. Located on playing field used for football and cricket the proposal would result in the loss of part of this playing field.

Assessment against Sport England Policy/NPPF

The proposal would be sited on playing field. Sport England considers proposals of this nature against exception 2 of our playing fields policy which states:

'The proposed development is for ancillary facilities supporting the principal use of the site as a playing field, and does not affect the quantity or quality of playing pitches or otherwise adversely affect their use.'

In assessing whether a proposal meets exception E2, facilities should be of an appropriate scale and comply with relevant Sport England and National Governing Bodies of Sport design guidance. They should also have no impact on the quantity or quality of playing pitches or otherwise adversely affect their use.

Sport England has **no objections** to the proposal which would meet exception 2 of our playing fields policy and the requirements of paragraph 103 of the NPPF in that the proposed car park extension would support the principal use of the site as a playing field and would not affect the quantity or quality of playing pitches or otherwise adversely affect their use.

If you wish to discuss the above further please contact me.

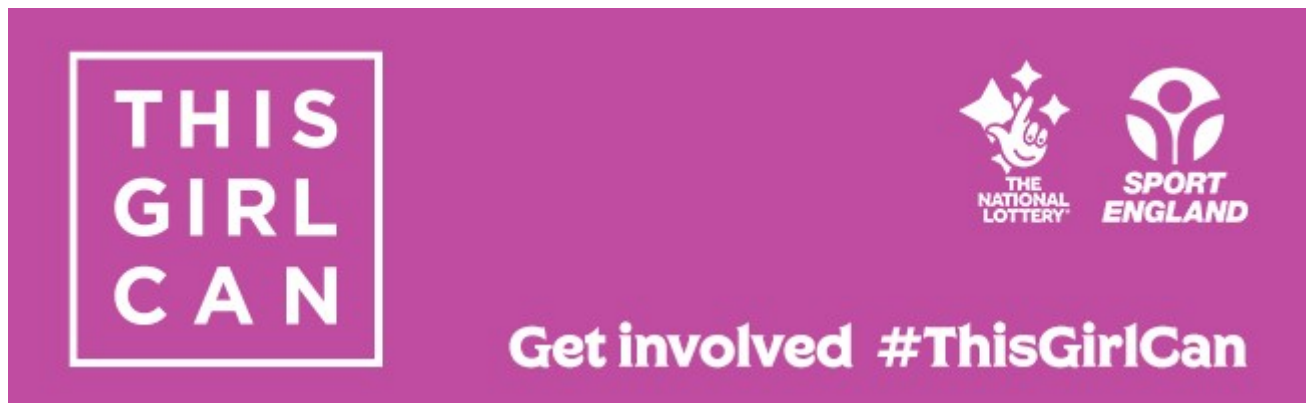
Yours sincerely,

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