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Submission: Objection

Comments: As an organiser of twice weekly Football sessions on the All weather Astroturf surface at Church Lane, I would like to object to the proposed development for the following reasons,

For over 20 years the 'Astroturf' has been used by us a community facility where people from all kinds of backgrounds get together for exercise and enjoyment. Our group has an age range from 18 to 59, we have Students, a City Banker, a Journalist, many Local Building Tradesmen, a Farmer, a Solicitor, an Engineer, a Teacher, a Firefighter, the list goes on.

The current group consists of 38 members, who gather together each week to take part in the sessions that are not only good for the body but good for the mind. In 2021 alone there were 2,844 Male suicide deaths in the age ranges of our group (stats from Smaritans.org) proving that these sessions are vital to people's Mental health as well as the physical gains.

We are only 1 of several groups that use the 'Astroturf' and the detrimental effect it would have on our 38 members would have far more of a community impact than building 20 more homes that would only add to the rising infrastructure problems we already have in New Mills, of which I'm certain will be addressed in many other objections.

If this facility was to be developed on, I fear Jobs would also be impacted at the adjacent Millers Bar as many of the participants use this socially after the sessions, again this has many benefits for people who now work from home and don't socialise with work colleagues etc. The whole site is a major asset to our Community with regular events that all can attend.

We, along with other groups that hire the 'Astroturf', get together and volunteer our time to help maintain the playing surface and surrounding areas to keep the facility open and running all year round, not just for us but for everyone who wishes to hire it.

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