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Submission: Objection

Comments: The application for the proposed development contains several inaccurate statements.

1. There are several statements relating to the current facilities, such as:

„The site also contains a tennis court which are currently in a poor state or repair. In particular, the surface of the court is worn, and the material is dated so the court is therefore subject to poor drainage and surface water runoff. As such, the courts are only useable when weather conditions allow „ which means that the tennis / 5 aside football facility within the site is greatly underutilised„

These are factually incorrect. The multisport astroturf pitch is used regularly throughout the year in all weathers. Indeed, several New Mills Junior girls„ and boys„ football teams practice there, especially when conditions are unsuitable for playing on grass.

Although it is true that the facilities ought to be improved, there seems to be no proposed replacement included as part of the planning application. I understand there would be no legal obligation for the applicant or the football club to provide replacement facilities if the proposal were approved.

2. The statement relating to highway safety issues is untrue:

„There are no existing highway safety issues in the immediate vicinity of the site and the proximity of local services and sustainable transport infrastructure will help to reduce vehicle movements generated by the development.„

The proposed site is next to a primary school. All transport entering and leaving the proposed development would pass next to the school. This would be especially problematic during the morning rush hour.

The application mentions good existing public transport, and therefore gives a low estimation of increased vehicle movements. I suspect it overestimates the reliability and usage of public transport (few evening buses, for example) and underestimates the increased traffic.

3. The application form states an increase in the number of parking spaces:

„Existing number of spaces: 10; Total proposed (including spaces retained): 35; Difference in spaces: 25„

This is incorrect and misleading. Far more than ten cars are currently able to park on the site, especially on match days. The proposed spaces would be for residents only (not for use on New Mills Football Club). The proposed application would mean far more parking, disruption and congestion on local residential streets on

match days.

4. Flood risk

¿Is your proposal within 20 metres of a watercourse (e.g. river, stream or beck)? No; Will the proposal increase the flood risk elsewhere? No;

The site is not far (possibly 50m) from the nearest watercourse, to the north of the site. It is possible that increasing the hard impermeable area could increase flood risk downstream.

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