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Subject: App No: HPK/2022/0557 - Extension at first floor level and part ground floor to form a gym and changing room facilities at Football Ground Silverlands, Buxton - Sport England Ref: PA/22/EM/HL/63474
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Dear James Stannard,

Thank you for consulting Sport England on the above application.

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 has considered the application in light of the National Planning Policy Framework (in particular paragraph 99 and the presumption that playing fields should not be developed), 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 would involve a partial ground floor extension along with a first floor extension above the existing lounge and toilet facilities. Facilities proposed to be accommodated in the extension include a gym hall with office and stores, a staircase from the ground floor external area, toilets and showers. The proposal would result in the loss of playing field land.

Assessment against Sport England Policy/NPPF

Having assessed the application, the proposed extension would meet exception 2 of Sport England's playing fields policy, in that:

'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.'

This being the case, Sport England **does not wish to raise an objection** to this application.

The absence of an objection to this application, in the context of the Town and Country Planning Act, cannot be taken as formal support or consent from Sport England or any National Governing Body of Sport to any related funding application, or as may be required by virtue of any pre-existing funding agreement.

If you would like any further information or advice please contact the undersigned at the address below.

Yours sincerely,

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