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To: Rachael Simpkin

Subject: RE: HPK/2024/0481 - Former Community School, Glossop (Caselaw: Loss of sporting facility)

Hi Rachel

Please find comments from Leisure and Environmental Services.

We would be requesting off site contributions as part of this application to existing open spaces and leisure facilities within a 2-mile radius of the site:-

- Play - £249.30 x 110 = £27,423
- Parks & Gardens - £620.40 x 110 = £68,244
- Allotments - £91.30 x 110 = £10,043
- Built Sports Facility towards the provision of a new leisure centre in Glossop, including combined wet and dry facility:-
 - Swimming pool - £59,941
 - Sports hall - £50,361
- Grass playing pitches towards enhancing, developing and maintaining grass pitches within a 2-mile radius of the site:-
 - £26,253 – contribution towards a new grass pitch
 - £52,670 maintenance costs over 10 years towards Cemetery Road (£5,267 x 10 years).

The issue of loss of on-site recreational facilities also needs to be addressed by the applicant which includes playing field land and an old redgra surface, as stated in the current Playing Pitch Strategy. The Strategy also states that the recommended actions for the site are to ensure that any developments on the site adhere to NPPF 74 (now paragraph 104) and local planning policy.

We would therefore refer to and support the formal comments of Sport England in that the applicant needs to provide information that clearly demonstrates how the proposal will accord with policy exception 4 of Sport England's Playing Fields Policy, and we would request that the applicant work with a suitably qualified and experienced sports turf consultant to provide the necessary details of the replacement playing field.

The High Peak Playing Pitch Strategy is currently being updated so more relevant football data usage and demand will be available towards the end of the year, however, the existing PPS (2017) states that whilst overall spare capacity exists on adult pitches, a shortfall is evident in the Central and Glossopdale Analysis Area and there is a current shortfall of youth 11v11 pitches, attributed to the Central and Glossopdale analysis areas.

Many thanks

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