

Subject: FW: 2020/90640 - Holmfirth High School, Heys Road, Thongsbridge, Holmfirth, HD9 7SE
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Subject: RE: 2020/90640 - Holmfirth High School, Heys Road, Thongsbridge, Holmfirth, HD9 7SE

Hi Chris

Sorry I'm slightly late in getting back to you, but hopefully you can still report Sport England's further response to Planning Committee.

As the applicant has suggested, the detail of a Community Use Agreement is normally held over to be fleshed out and approved as a 'prior to commencement of use' type condition.

Having made certain assumptions as to the value that a proposed sports facility will have [to community sport] and concluding that playing field policy – exception 5 is met, Sport England seeks confirmation of the community sport offer through a community use agreement condition. The applicant has used and populated a standard community use agreement template which can

be found on our website, so its structure and scope is fine. In terms of detail I always look to see that the following fundamentals are met:

- What is being made available for community use;
- When is it being made available;
- To whom is it available;
- At what cost;
- What is the duration of the agreement;
- How is it reviewed

Obviously the application is for the AGP and the CUA centres on that. The community use hours have been discussed and agreed as part of the discussion/negotiation around the AGP's impact on neighbours so the CUA's detail merely confirms this detail. In terms of specified users, the detail in the CUA as to the initial users is fine as a flavour of intended use and as a demonstration of the AGP's value to community sport. We wouldn't want to see Planning Committee seek to prescribe these users to the exclusion of others though. Such a measure would unnecessarily restrict the site operator and would not allow them to adapt to the ebb and flow of local clubs' scale or indeed new clubs forming.

I don't know what the local hire cost for AGPs is, but the important aspect around cost is the principle set out at section 3.1 of schedule 2 of the agreement.

Duration of the agreement is the standard wording and as a result meets our requirement. Finally the process for review is fine.

Hope this provides the level of detail and assurance you were seeking

Regards

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