Subject:	2020/93921 Installation of temporary grasscrete staff car park (within the curtilage of a Listed Building) HUDDERSFIELD GRAMMAR SCHOOL, LUCK LANE HD1 4QX
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Thank you for consulting Sport England on the above application.

Sport England – Statutory Role and Policy

It is understood that the proposal prejudices the use, or leads to the loss of use, of land being used as a playing field or has been used as a playing field in the last five years, 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 (particularly Para 97) and Sport England's Playing Fields Policy, which is presented within its 'Playing Fields Policy and Guidance Document': https://www.sportengland.org/how-we-can-help/facilities-and-planning/planning-for-sport#playing_fields_policy

Sport England's policy is to oppose the granting of planning permission for any development which would lead to the loss of, or prejudice the use of, all/part of a playing field, unless one or more of the five exceptions. Sport England would hope to deal with a proposal such as this under playing field policy exception 3. It allows development on land incapable of forming part of a playing pitch and does not:

• reduce the size of any playing pitch;
• result in the inability to use any playing pitch (including the maintenance of adequate safety margins and run-off areas);
• reduce the sporting capacity of the playing field to accommodate playing pitches or the capability to rotate or reposition playing pitches to maintain their quality;
• result in the loss of other sporting provision or ancillary facilities on the site; or
• prejudice the use of any remaining areas of playing field on the site.

It is however not clear from the submitted plans that the proposal will not affect the athletics track which is shown to be set out on the playing field in aerial photos of the site. The normal location of the athletics track and sprint straight will need to shown relative to the proposed car park in order to demonstrate that the proposal is capable of meeting playing field policy exception 3. Until this is demonstrated Sport England must take a precautionary approach and assume that the proposal does not comply with playing field policy

Conclusion

In light of the above, Sport England **objects** to the application because it has not been shown to accord with any of the exceptions to Sport England's Playing Fields Policy or with Paragraph 97 of the NPPF.

Should the local planning authority be minded to grant planning permission for the proposal, contrary to Sport England's objection then in accordance with The Town and Country Planning (Consultation) (England) Direction 2009, the application should be referred to the Secretary of State, via the National Planning Casework Unit.

If this application is to be presented to a Planning Committee, we would like to be notified in advance of the publication of any committee agendas, report(s) and committee date(s). We would be grateful if you would advise us of the outcome of the application by sending us a copy of the decision notice.

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

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