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Application number: 2020/94405	
What is the application for?:	Erection of detached building for use as an indoor archery range
Address of the site or building:	Archery Field, Slate Pitts Wood, Knowle Lane, Meltham, Holmfirth, HD9 4HL
Postcode:	HD9 3BL

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I would like to present to you my support - I am wholly in favour of the application. Myself and my partner are long standing members of the Valley Bowmen of Huddersfield Archery Club. The proposed plans in progress are to build an indoor facility to supplement the current outdoor range. This will dramatically enhance the club - it will enable the current membership to shoot onsite all year round. Currently, we make use of an indoor facility at Royds Hall but space and time there is very restricted. With an indoor facility at our own club - available 24/7, 365 days a year the membership would be able to shoot all through the long winter months. Another benefit would be increasing the number of members that can shoot there at any one time by increasing the shooting line by at least a third.

Sports England have already awarded our club £50,000 recognising the need to encourage more people to take up the sport. Archery is an inclusive sport, it appeals and is suitable to all ages and abilities regardless of social standing, gender specifics or age.

Our club needs new members to survive. With the new facility we can continue to run our beginners' courses (necessary to take up the sport and be eligible to join) all through the year instead of the current schedule that restricts us to late spring, summer and early autumn. During lockdown we have amassed applications from over 160 people wanting to take part in the course.

If we can increase the capacity of the club, we will be sharing the benefits with more people - those benefits being the social, fitness and general wellbeing that comes from belonging to a club or community like the Valley bowmen offers. Belonging to a club like ours can combat loneliness and isolation. A well run club like the bowmen is about more than the sport itself. I feel very strongly about promoting this - Archery helps with mindfulness, it combats stress - there is benefit to this sport that translates into everyday life. The more people that can benefit from that the better - Be it current members or the new members this additional facility will attract and cater for.

The spirit and future success of this excellent club, established in 1963, is helped by this Indoor range - It enables us to grow. We already grow talent - we have many, young, county champions we are pleased to call members. These youngsters are future ambassadors of the club, the sport and the community. By supporting this application, you will be instrumental in changing lives for the better. Archery need not be a "fair weather sport" - where lack of light or rain stops play.

The environmental impact is minimal compared to the many positive impacts and benefits this new range will deliver.

Thank you. I hope you can lend your support and approval to the application and support our club. When restrictions are lifted, I hope you would consider joining us for a "have a go day" and experience the benefits of Archery for yourself.