About the application

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 register my support for planning application 2020/94405.

Recent studies suggest that participation in sport and exercise in general is reducing and has been since the 1960's. As a result the general health of the nation is declining and there are now many initiatives attempting to reverse this trend. We should be doing everything possible to support any initiative, such as this indoor archery range, that promotes a more active lifestyle.

These studies have also shown that this decline in activity levels is particularly noticable in the under 20 age group. With their outdoor only facilities, the Valley Bowmen experience a significant reduction in attendances by their junior members through the winter months and lose many of these members who do not return to the sport in the spring. The proposed indoor facility will have a profound impact on the participation by club members age under 20.

I have been an archer at the club for more than ten years and regularly shoot throughout the summer but this is significantly reduced during winter months and I have to travel out of the county to another club with suitable indoor facilities.