Address: Brentwood Low Westwood Lane Huddersfield HD7 4EW

**About the application**

| Application number: 2023/90876 | |
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| What is the application for?: | Variation of conditions 4 & 5 (hours of use) on previous permission 2018/93872 f |
| Address of the site or building: | Colne Valley High School, Gillroyd Lane, Linthwaite, Huddersfield, HD7 5SP |
| Postcode: | HD7 5SP |

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I support Colne Valley High Schools planning application (2023/70/90876/W) for the extension of hours & use of the Article Grass Pitch.
My child plays football for Linthwaite Football Club and I know the importance of the use of the Artificial Grass Pitch at Colne Valley High School.
The club has worked extremely hard over three years to bring football back to Linthwaite, however the grass pitches are still unplayable throughout the winter months. With this, games have to be postponed or reversed due to the pitches being waterlogged at Colne Valley High School.
The winter months are only just beginning and it’s already affecting the Football Club:
● On Sunday 21st October 12 teams missed football due to waterlogged pitches ay CVHS. (121 Children)
● On Sunday 29th October - 6 teams missed football due to waterlogged pitches at CVHS. (78 Children)
These games could have been played if there was access to an Article Grass Pitch, like the one situated at CVHS.

Additionally, the club has multiple teams holding winter training sessions in the evening. These sessions have to be held across multiple locations, which doesn’t help the cost of living crisis with having to travel out of the area for training. Due to availability of pitches on an evening a number of age groups have 30 children training on one half of a pitch, as there are no other options available due to the Artificial Grass Pitch at CVHS closing at 18:30.

Linthwaite Football Club has 12 teams which could use the Artificial Grass Pitch at Colne Valley High School, that's 143 children.

The opportunities for sport & exercise within the Colne Valley Area is becoming increasingly restricted with the potential closing of the local multi use sports center, we need to ensure we do what we can dto support children and invest in the future.