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To Kirklees Planning Department 2021/92255 2023/92327 2023/92254 2023/92253

Dear Planning

I write to object to the above application as there remains so many unanswered questions around the reserved matters and Newetts have now proposed numerous significant modifications that need more clarity to openly inform the residents of Emley.

- **Cricket Stop Netting**
- **Change of original proposed houses including building materials to be used.**
- **Millenium Green maintenance**
- **Warburton and Millenium Green access**
- **Communication**
- **Attenuation tank covered area.**

Cricket Ball Stop Netting:

Originally the cricket net was 18 metres high, and the intention was to erect the netting at the beginning of the building programme with a maintenance plan in place. Newetts are now saying it will be 17 metres high and will not be erected until the houses have been built – there is no clear explanation around this, and it begs questions around the stations.

Labosport stipulated 18m high was the correct height.

The submitted 'Cricket Pitch Section' plan and the 'Ball Strike Net Plan' both dated 27/06/23 prepared by Newett Homes is not sufficient. There is no information or evidence to show that the stanchions/supports and netting design nor the new position of the net, nor the height of the net is adequate. The cricket field and the development land are exposed to high winds and adverse weather and this needs to be factored into any design. The balls strike netting needs to be robust enough to withstand the extremes of weather experienced in Emley, and to prevent rattling and whistling noises disturbing residents in the vicinity.

The Labosport report LSUK.21-0698 dated 19/11/2021 commissioned by Barratts is now outdated and there needs to be an on-site meeting with Labosport and Newetts to fulfil the obligation to residents.

The proposed netting and its height **is not what was approved** in the Planning Application 2021/93286. The Labosport LSUK.21-0698 dated 19/11/2021 gave a height of 18 metres but

Newett are now using 17 metres. A new Labosport/Newett Boundary Risk is required to look at the heights again particularly due to the proposed nets being moved and the claimed PROW now being incorporated into the new design. As already stated, this should be a physical survey by Labosport not a desk top survey, they need to visit the site to appreciate the position and the situation.

The proposed netting is not only lower than it should be but it does not extend to the perimeters originally proposed. It is shown as not extending the full length of the cricket field wall, i.e., where the proposed attenuation tanks are to be grassed over and the development children play this area is not covered by the safety of the nets. Are children not as important as the houses. This is of course in addition to the fact that there will need be access for a "cherry picker" machine space for repair / maintenance of the ball stop netting - which would need a clear 3.00 m driveway, and this is not reflected in the most recent proposals to Kirklees. This updated information should be shared prior to building commencing.

Change of original proposed houses including building materials to be used:

I note that there has been a change to the number of houses near the PROW – surely Newetts should be sharing design and artists impression, including the type of stone, doors and windows. Consideration should be given to make the stone on the houses in keeping with surrounding houses in Wentworth area and Green Acres? All this information including all measurements of the houses and gardens should be available to all before the start of building. This information should be shared prior to building commencing.

Will the 7th house Newetts have removed – if it is being relocated on the development can this be shared on an updated plan?

Millenium Green maintenance:

What are the plans to maintain the trees and hedges from the Millenium Green that will be part of the boundary of the new houses. This information should be shared prior to building commencing.

Green Acres Close and Millenium Green access:

A guarantee that Green Acres Close and entrance to the Millenium Green will be protected from contractors entering or parking. Although this was stated clearly in the original planning application, this has been abused by Newetts. This information should be shared prior to building commencing.

Attenuation tank – grassed area

I note the attenuation area is grassed over and will attract children playing. Could there be some assurance that this area is a safe area to play and walk across. Could it have signage?

Communication:

A request to Newetts and planning, please be open and transparent with Emley residents. We deserve this consideration and courtesy.

Yours sincerely