

Address: 16, Millstone Rise, Liversedge, WF157BW

About the application

Application number: 2026/91793	
What is the application for?:	Conversion of one existing bowling green to all-weather artificial sports surfac
Address of the site or building:	Heckmondwike Bowling Club, Green Avenue, Heckmondwike, WF16 9LD
Postcode:	WF15 7NG

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I strongly support the planning application for the proposed grassroots 3G Astroturf facility in Heckmondwike. As a vital investment in the health, well-being, and social cohesion of our community, this development addresses a critical shortage of high-quality, all-weather sports provisions in the local area. Heckmondwike and the wider Kirklees district have long suffered from a deficit of reliable, modern sports surfaces. Traditional grass pitches in the area are frequently waterlogged and unplayable during the winter months, leading to mass cancellations, disrupted training schedules, and a decline in physical activity. By introducing a state-of-the-art 3G Astroturf surface, this facility will ensure year-round, floodlit access, transforming a seasonal space into a resilient community asset. It will offer local children a safe, inspiring environment to develop physical literacy, teamwork, and discipline. The level, modern playing surface breaks down barriers to participation, making sport more accessible for girls' teams, disability sports groups, and walking football initiatives for older demographics. Grassroots sports facilities are powerful tools for social integration. This site will bring together diverse groups from across Heckmondwike, strengthening community ties and fostering civic pride. Furthermore, the facility will generate local employment and volunteering opportunities through coaching, refereeing, and facility management, providing valuable skills and pathways for young people. I believe it will not only benefit the football club but also the bowling club, in order to keep a traditional and popular sport going in West Yorkshire by increasing membership and collaboratively working with the younger demographic associated with junior football.	