

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

User comments

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I support the proposed development to convert the underutilized bowling green into a modern 4G multi-sport pitch. This project represents a forward-thinking upgrade that will maximize the site's potential and bring significant benefits to the local area. My support is based on the following key points: • Increased Community Participation: While the traditional bowling green has seen declining use over recent years, a high-quality 4G pitch will attract a significantly larger and more diverse group of users. It will provide accessible facilities for local grassroots football clubs, schools, and youth groups, encouraging active lifestyles across multiple generations. • All-Weather and Year-Round Usability: Unlike natural turf or bowling greens, which are heavily weather-dependent and unplayable during the winter months, a 4G surface can withstand intensive, year-round use. This ensures the community has a reliable facility to stay active even during adverse weather conditions. • Addressing the Shortage of Sports Facilities: There is a well-documented shortage of high-quality training and playing surfaces in our local area. This conversion directly addresses that demand, reducing travel times for local teams who currently have to travel to neighboring towns to find adequate facilities. • Health and Wellbeing Benefits: Investing in modern sports infrastructure is vital for physical and mental wellbeing. This pitch will offer an excellent venue for structured team sports as well as informal recreation, helping to combat physical inactivity and providing a safe, positive environment for young people. In summary, this proposal transforms a redundant space into a vibrant, high-yield community asset. The application will be an invaluable addition to our local sports infrastructure.	