MANAGEMENT AND MAINTENANCE RESPONSIBILTY STATEMENT

BALL STOP MITIGATION

PLANNING CONDITION 12

NEW WOODLEY SCHOOL AND COLLEGE,
FERNSIDE AVENUE,
HUDDERSFIELD

1. Introduction

This Management and Maintenance Responsibility Statement has been prepared in support of the discharge of Planning Condition 12 attached to planning permission 2024/62/91998/W, relating to the ball stop mitigation at the New Woodley School and College, Fernside Avenue, Huddersfield.

The purpose of this document is to confirm the management, inspection, maintenance, repair and replacement arrangements associated with the approved ball stop mitigation measures.

2. Ball Stop Mitigation

The approved ball stop mitigation consists of:

- Fortress Heavy Duty Cricket Netting.
- Removable Aluminium Alu80 Ball Stop Posts.
- Associated fixings, ropes, sockets, tensioning systems and support components.
- Located in accordance with approved landscape and site layout drawings NWSC-ONE-ZZ-ZZ-D-L-00002 and in accordance with the submitted specification information.

3. Installation, Inspection and Handover

The ball stop mitigation shall be installed in accordance with the approved specification and manufacturer's requirements. Prior to handover, the completed installation shall be subject to inspection and certification by the appropriate specialist contractor, as required by the relevant specification and quality assurance procedures.

The Principal Contractor shall provide all relevant testing, inspection and commissioning records, photographic evidence of the installation, and associated operation and maintenance documentation as part of the formal handover process. The ball stop mitigation shall only be formally handed over following satisfactory completion of the inspection and certification process.

4. Management Responsibilities

Following practical completion and handover of the development, the approved ball stop mitigation shall be managed and maintained for the lifetime of the development through the existing facilities management arrangements applicable to the school site. Routine inspections and minor maintenance may be undertaken by the school, whilst more significant repairs, renewal or replacement may be undertaken by Kirklees Council or its appointed contractors, in accordance with the respective maintenance responsibilities and agreements in place at the relevant time.

The responsible parties shall ensure that the ball stop mitigation is inspected, maintained, repaired, renewed and replaced as necessary to ensure its continued effectiveness and fitness for purpose.

5. Inspection and Maintenance

The ball stop netting, support posts, fixings and associated components shall be subject to routine visual inspection as part of the site's facilities management arrangements.

Inspections shall include:

- Integrity of netting.
- Tears, holes or excessive wear.
- Post alignment and stability.
- Condition of foundations and sockets.
- Condition of ropes, clips and fixing systems.
- Tensioning of netting.
- Any corrosion, deterioration or damage.
- Additional inspections shall be undertaken following severe weather events or where damage has been reported.

These inspection principles are consistent with sports facility maintenance guidance which recommends checking netting, posts and fixings remain safe and serviceable and repairing defects as required.

Inspection type	**Frequency**
Visual inspection	Monthly
Detailed inspection	Annually
Additional inspection	Following severe weather events, vandalism or impact damage

Where an inspection identifies damage which materially reduces the effectiveness of the ball stop mitigation, temporary control measures to include risk assessments shall be implemented where necessary pending permanent repair or replacement.

6. Repairs and Replacement

Any defects identified during inspections shall be remedied as soon as reasonably practicable following identification, to include:

- Re-tensioning of netting.
- Replacement of damaged clips and fixings.
- Replacement of worn ropes.
- Repair of minor tears.
- Removal of vegetation affecting the performance of the netting system.

- Maintenance of foundations and sockets where necessary.

Where components are damaged beyond repair, replacement components of equivalent specification shall be installed to maintain the effectiveness of the ball stop mitigation. Repairs and replacement works shall be undertaken in accordance with the manufacturer's recommendations where applicable.

7. Record Keeping

Maintenance records shall be retained by the sites Facilities Management Team and shall include:

- Dates of inspections.
- Identified defects.
- Actions undertaken.
- Dates of repairs and replacement works.

8. Retention - Lifetime Operation

The approved ball stop mitigation shall be retained and maintained for the lifetime of the development. Provision shall be made for the ongoing inspection, maintenance, repair, renewal and replacement of the netting, posts, sockets, fixings and all associated components as necessary to ensure the continued effectiveness of the system and where any component reaches the end of its serviceable life, so as to ensure the continued effectiveness of the mitigation identified within the Labosport Ball Strike Assessment (Report Ref. LSUK.24-0605_CBA, December 2024) unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Planning Authority.

9. Conclusion

This statement confirms the arrangements for the ongoing management, inspection, maintenance, repair and replacement of the approved ball stop mitigation and is submitted in support of the discharge of Planning Condition 12.