

PLANNING REF : 191526
PROPERTY ADDRESS : Council Office
: Pearson Road, Sonning, Reading
: RG4 6UL
SUBMITTED BY : Sonning Parish Council
DATE SUBMITTED : 25/07/2019

COMMENTS:

Sonning Parish Council has carefully considered this application and has the following comments.

The Parish Council understand the reasons for wishing to extend the existing floodlight operating hours and does not wish to object to the proposal but has the following concerns and urges that strong conditions are applied to ensure that 22.00hours will not be increased further in the future and any permission is limited to training sessions only.

The original permission granted by Wokingham Borough Council limited the lighting operating hours to 21.00hours but was then extended to 21.30hours. The current proposal is to further extend the operating hours to 22.00hours

The existing flood lighting in Sonning Lane is overwhelming with floodlights at the Berkshire County Sport Club, the RRF Club and the Reading Blue Coat School which can be seen as a glow in the night sky from the Henley Reading Road and it visible to neighbours and the Conservation Area. The Parish Council considers that the existing light pollution in the area is an intrusion on the locality.

The Parish Council are also aware that the existing lighting often remains on beyond the existing deadline of 21.30hours.

For these reasons Sonning Parish Council asks that strong conditions be attached to any permission to extend the floodlighting that requires the Club to install the most efficient and up to date automatic control system to ensure that the lighting does not remain on beyond 22.00hours. The Council also asks that this be monitored to ensure compliance.

L. A. Bates (Clerk to the Council).