

242653 Hogwood Farm, Sheerlands Road, RG40 4QY

Thank you for consulting Sport England on the above application.

The proposed development does not fall within either our statutory remit (Statutory Instrument 2015/595), or non-statutory guidance (PPG) Par. 003 Ref. ID: 37-003-20140306) and, therefore, Sport England has not provided a detailed response. The following advice to aid the assessment of this application.

General guidance and advice can however be found on our website:

https://www.sportengland.org/how-we-can-help/facilities-and-planning/planning-for-sport#planning_applications

If the proposal involves the **loss of any sports facility**, then full consideration should be given to whether the proposal meets the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) is in accordance with local policies to protect social infrastructure and meets any approved Playing Pitch Strategy that the local authority has in place.

If the proposal involves the provision of a **new sports facility**, then consideration should be given to the recommendation in the local authority's Playing Pitch Strategy or Built Sports Facility Strategy that the local authority may have in place. In addition, to ensure the facility is designed in accordance with Sport England, or the relevant National Governing Body, design guidance notes:

<http://sportengland.org/facilities-planning/tools-guidance/design-and-cost-guidance/>

If the proposal involves the provision of additional **housing**, then it will generate additional demand for sport. If existing facilities cannot absorb the additional demand, then new and/or improved sports facilities should be secured and delivered in accordance with the local authority's infrastructure, and priorities set out in any Playing Pitch Strategy or Built Sports Facility Strategy that the local authority has in place.

In line with the Government's NPPF (including Section 8) and PPG (Health and wellbeing section), consideration should be given to how the development, especially for new housing, will provide opportunities for people to lead healthy lifestyles and create healthy communities. Active Design can be used to help with this when developing or assessing a proposal. Active Design provides ten principles to help local authorities encourage and promotes participation in sport and physical activity.

NPPF Section 8: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/national-planning-policy-framework/8-promoting-healthy-communities>

PPG Health and wellbeing section: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/health-and-wellbeing>

Sport England's Active Design Guidance: <https://www.sportengland.org/how-we-can-help/facilities-and-planning/de>

Please note: this response relates to Sport England's planning function only. It is not associated with our funding role to the site.

Yours sincerely,

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