

PLANNING REF : 242598
PROPERTY ADDRESS : Silver Birches
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SUBMITTED BY : Mr David Button
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COMMENTS:

I would like to object to these plans. While renovation of many public areas is to be applauded, the change to local communities needs to be properly considered and I feel it has either not been considered, or not been properly communicated. Neither option is acceptable.

The Shinfield Rangers football club supports an enormous number of children, who not only have a passion for football and to go on to bigger things, but also provides experiences of working in a team, and staying fit and active. There are dozens of children that rely on this facility to be available in order to play games. The girls side of the club has grown exponentially over the past few years, and these pitches are not only incredible spaces for them to play - but they enable a club like Shinfield to support their continued involvement.

It would be scandalous for these facilities to be removed without a like-for-like and immediate replacement made available - as the net result of this planning change would likely be a large number of children, and in particular young girls, giving up on football at a time where they should be staying active.

I would very much like to see the statistics that demonstrate that this renovation and change provides greater support to a wider community than the current setup - and also how the existing boys, girls, women and men are expected to stay in sport over the coming years.