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Our Ref: SE/HCC/2012/28124/S

Dear Kristina King

Application Number: HCC/2012/0133
Site Address: Western Primary School, Browning Drive, Winchester,
SO22 5AR
Proposal: Supply Deliver and erect one double modular
temporary classroom to provide Two extra general
teaching spaces.

Thank you for consulting Sport England on the above application.

It is understood that the site forms part of, or constitutes a playing field as defined in The Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2010 (Statutory Instrument 2010 No.2184), in that it is on land that has been used as a playing field within the last five years, and the field encompasses at least one playing pitch of 0.2 ha or more, or that it is on land that allocated for the use as a playing field in a development plan or in proposals for such a plan or its alteration or replacement.

Sport England has therefore considered the application in the light of its playing fields policy. The aim of this policy is to ensure that there is an adequate supply of quality pitches to satisfy the current and estimated future demand for pitch sports within the area. The policy seeks to protect all parts of the playing field from development and not just those which, for the time being, are laid out as pitches. The Policy states that;

‘Sport England will oppose the granting of planning permission for any development which would lead to the loss of, or would prejudice the use of, all or any part of a playing field, or land last used as a playing field or



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allocated for use as a playing field in an adopted or draft deposit local plan, unless, in the judgement of Sport England, one of the Specific circumstances applies.

Reason; Development which would lead to the loss of all or part of a playing field, or which would prejudice its use, should not normally be permitted because it would permanently reduce the opportunities for participation in sporting activities. Government planning policy and the policies of Sport England have recognised the importance of such activities to the social and economic well-being of the country.'

The application proposes a double modular temporary classroom on a small area of playing field. This area of playing field does not currently accommodate a playing field, although historical aerial photos indicate the area has been used for training grids in the past. As the proposed development is temporary and the proposal does not result in the loss of a playing pitch the proposal is considered to meet Specific Circumstance E3 in that;

"The proposed development affects only land incapable of forming or forming part of, a playing pitch, and does not result in the loss of or inability to make use of any playing pitch (including the maintenance of adequate safety margins), a reduction in the size of the playing areas of any playing pitch or the loss of any other sporting/ancillary facilities on the site."

This being the case, Sport England does not wish to raise an objection to this application, **subject** to the following condition(s) being attached to the decision notice (if the Council are minded to approve the application):

'No later than [date of expiry of temporary planning permission] the development hereby permitted and other associated structures shall be removed from the site edged red and shown on drawing number 31760-TC-12-001. In the first planting season following removal of the building the playing field land shall be reinstated to a condition fit for use as a playing field.

Reason: To ensure the site is restored to a condition fit for purpose.'

If your Authority decided not to attach the above condition(s), Sport England would wish to maintain/lodge a statutory objection to this application. Should your Authority be minded to approve this application without the above condition(s), then in accordance with The Town and Country Planning (Consultation) (England) Direction 2009, and the DCLG letter of 10 March 2011, the application should be referred to the National Planning Casework Unit.



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If you wish to amend the wording of the conditions or use another mechanism in lieu of the condition(s), please discuss the details with the undersigned. Sport England does not object to amendments to conditions, provided they achieve the same outcome and we are involved in any amendments.

The absence of an objection to this application in the context of the Town and Country Planning Acts, does not in any way commit Sport England's or any National Governing Body of Sport's support for any related application for grants funding.

If this application is to be presented to a Planning Committee, we would like to be notified in advance of the publication of any committee agendas, report(s) and committee date(s). We would be grateful if you would advise us of the outcome of the application by sending us a copy of the decision notice.

If you would like any further information or advice please contact the undersigned at the address below.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Vicky Aston".

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