



TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING (ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT ASSESSMENT) REGULATIONS 2011

'SCREENING OPINION' (REG: 5 &7)

Proposal Change of use of a horse paddock to an all weather Synthetic Turf Pitch (STP) with floodlighting and associated works, including a grass rugby pitch (Swanmore College of Technology)
at: Lower Chase Road, Swanmore

County Council Ref: 12/02419/HCS

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Refer to footnote before assessing proposal

Is the development listed in Schedule 1? **No**

Is the development listed in Schedule 2? **Yes**

10. Infrastructure projects

(b) Urban development projects, including the construction of shopping centres and car parks, sports stadiums, leisure centres and multiplex cinemas.

The area of development exceeds 0.5 hectares.

Is the development likely to have significant effects on the environment?

The proposed development is on a site which measures 2.85 hectares in area.

The actual area to be developed is 106 x 71m, therefore 7526 metres squared. The size of the development, whilst being over the Schedule 2 threshold, is within the size levels stated in para A19 of Circular 02/99; the area of the scheme is less than 5 hectares.

Whilst the site is within the countryside it is not within a *sensitive area* as defined by The Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2012 (EIA Regulations).

The proposed pitch is to be located adjacent to Swanmore College of Technology and their existing rugby and football pitches, on land which is currently used as a horse paddock. There will be the introduction of lighting into the area as at present there are few lighting columns in the surrounding the site. Whilst there is an existing level of noise generated by the use of the existing sports pitches at the College, the noise could increase and there could be extended hours over which noise may be generated.

However, when considering whether the proposal would have a significant environmental impact as prescribed by the EIA Regulations it is felt that the location, scale and nature of the development would be unlikely to have a significant environmental impact.

The proposed development is not an EIA development under the *Town & Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) Regulations 2011* as the site is not within a *sensitive area* and the location, scale and nature of the development is such that it is unlikely that the development will have a significant impact on the environment.



Director of Economy, Transport & Environment
Date 21 November, 2012

*Note: An EIA development must **either:**
be within Schedule 1 **or;**
be within Schedule 2 within a 'sensitive area' **and/or** above thresholds/ criteria **and/or** 'likely to have significant environmental effects'.*