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FAO N Grigorpoulos Esq.

Dear Niko,

Thank you for consulting Sport England on the above planning application. The site is considered to constitute playing field, or land last used as playing field, as defined in The Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 (Statutory Instrument 2015 No. 595). As such Sport England is a statutory consultee.

Sport England has sought to consider the application in light of the National Planning Policy Framework (particularly Para. 97) and against its own playing fields policy. Unfortunately there is insufficient information to enable Sport England to adequately assess the proposal or to make a substantive response. Please therefore could the following information be provided as soon as possible:

- Part of the proposal relates to the lost of playing which is part of Newbury RFC. I am aware that there have discussions going back to the previous planning applications 18/00764/OUTMAJ and 18/00828OUTMAJ, but I have been unable to find any reference to the proposed solution in this current application. Can the applicants please provide clarity on the mitigation for the loss of the playing field? And has it already been carried out?

Sport England's Playing Fields Policy and Guidance document, which includes the type of information required in order for us to evaluate a planning application against our policy, can be viewed via this link: www.sportengland.org/playingfieldspolicy (see Annex B)

Sport England's interim position on this proposal is to submit a **holding objection**. However we will happily review our position following the receipt of all the further information requested above. As I am currently unable to make a substantive response, in accordance with the Order referred to above, the 21 days for formally responding to the consultation will not commence until I have received all the information requested above.

I would be happy to discuss the requested information further with the applicant and/or the local planning authority if necessary.

Yours sincerely,

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