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Our Ref: L/CA/2018/48110/N

Dear Nora,

Thank you for consulting Sport England on the above application.

### **Sport England – Non Statutory Role and Policy**

The Government, within their Planning Practice Guidance (Open Space, Sports and Recreation Facilities Section) advises Local Planning Authorities to consult Sport England on a wide range of applications. More detail can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/open-space-sports-and-recreation-facilities-public-rights-of-way-and-local-green-space#open-space-sports-and-recreation-facilities>

This application falls within the scope of the above guidance as it relates to a new sports facility.

Sport England assesses this type of application in line with its planning objectives and with the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF). Sport England's planning objectives are to PROTECT existing facilities, ENHANCE the quality, accessibility and management of existing facilities, and to PROVIDE new facilities to meet demand. Further information on Sport England's planning objectives can be found here:

<http://www.sportengland.org/facilities-planning/planning-for-sport/aims-and-objectives/>

### **The Proposal and Assessment against Sport England's Objectives and the NPPF**

The application proposes a floodlit Artificial Grass Pitch (AGP) on what appears to be a playground area.

### **Strategic/Local Need for the Facility**

Although it does not appear that the London Borough of Camden have up to-date and robust sport facility strategies for indoor or outdoor sport facilities and playing pitches, Sport England's Facilities Planning Model highlights a significant need for AGP's within the borough (albeit this focuses on full sized AGP's that can be subdivided for smaller sided football matches but there is still some need for football facilities). In addition the Football Foundation has no concerns with the proposal.

In relation to design, the proposed AGP has been designed in accordance with *The FA Guide to 3G Football Turf Pitch Design Principles and Layouts*. Sport England also understands that a management and maintenance plan, including a sink fund, would be drafted and that the facility would be available for community use outside school hours. This community use could be secured by a Community Use Agreement.

### **Conclusion**

Overall, Sport England offers its **support** for this this application as it is considered to meet its objective to provide facilities.

There is a free online resource from Sport England (Use Our School) that offers further guidance and information for local authorities and other education providers on how to make the best use of school facilities for the benefit of the local community. It is especially useful for those who have responsibility within a school for establishing, sustaining and growing community activity on school sites. 'Use Our School' can be accessed here; [www.sportengland.org/useourschool](http://www.sportengland.org/useourschool)

The absence of an objection to this application, in the context of the Town and Country Planning Act, cannot be taken as formal support or consent from Sport England or any National Governing Body of Sport to any related funding application, or as may be required by virtue of any pre-existing funding agreement.

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.

Yours sincerely  
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