

EXTRACT FROM AN ADDENDUM REPORT CIRCULATED AT MEETING OF DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE ON 1 APRIL 2008

ITEM B1: 08/00214/CB3 – Lighting Scheme for recreation ground to include footpath, lighting and sports flood lighting

One letter, one e-mail and a petition containing 27 signatures in support of the application have been received as it is believed that the lighting scheme will:

- discourage anti-social behaviour;
- encourage use of recreation facilities;
- develop a safer place;
- provide safer policing.

One e-mail of objection has been received raising the following points:

- the scale and associated noise levels will have a serious destructive impact on those living in the vicinity;
- youths will be encouraged rather than discouraged in playing football on the bowling greens;
- the grounds will become a haven for the wrong kind of people, leading to an increase in crime, vandalism and drug use;
- the lighting will lead to a serious detrimental effect on the natural habitat of the Recreation Ground;
- by limiting the area that will be lit, young children allowed onto the Recreation Ground will face possible dangers.

The proposed lighting scheme will increase the safety and accessibility of the grounds to the general public and in so doing, will dissuade youths from congregating around the sports facilities. As a result, noise levels are likely to decrease.

Having considered the above comments, it is considered the recommendation for approval remains.

An additional condition is proposed:

Comments have been received from the Highways Authority who recommends a condition to prevent the lights dazzling drivers on the highway. An additional condition is therefore proposed:

Unless otherwise agreed in writing, before the development hereby commences a scheme to prevent the lighting dazzling drivers on the highway shall have been submitted to and agreed in writing with the Local Planning Authority. The approved scheme shall be then implemented in full and retained at all times thereafter, unless otherwise agreed in writing with the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: To avoid glare, dazzle or distraction to passing motorists in the interest of highway safety.